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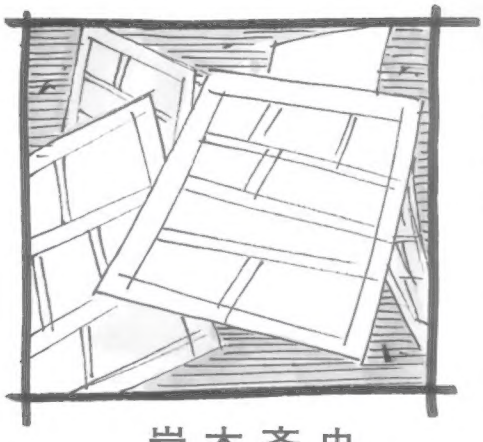

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Naruto has passed the 40-volume mark, becoming a long-term series. From here on out, I plan to keep working hard, with my eyes trained on the finish line!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2008

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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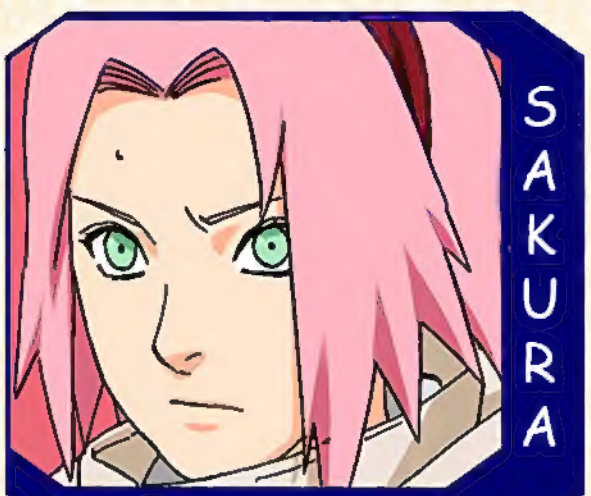

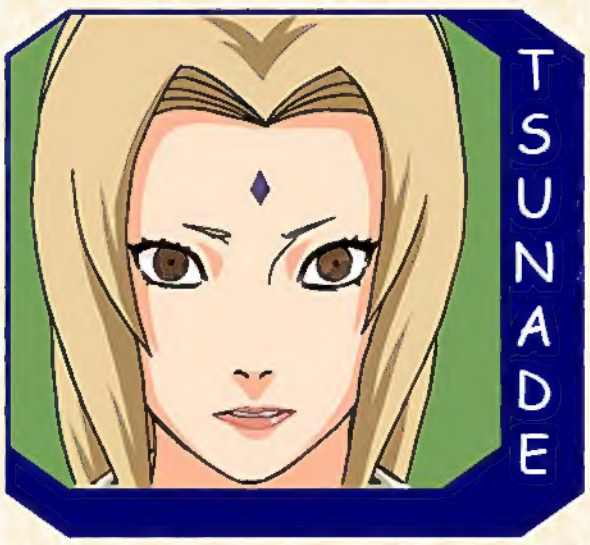

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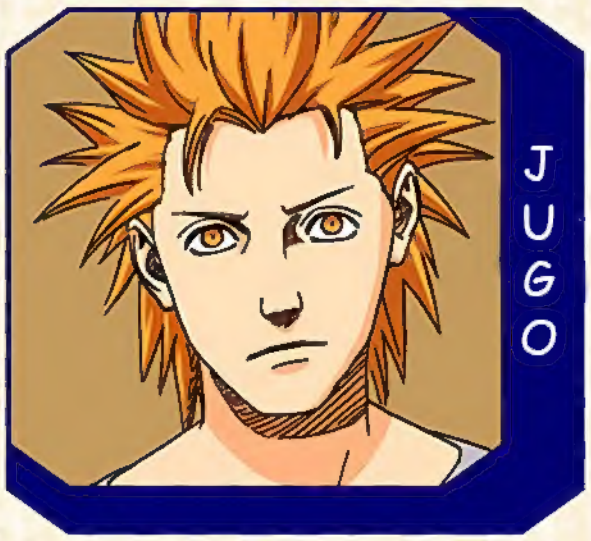

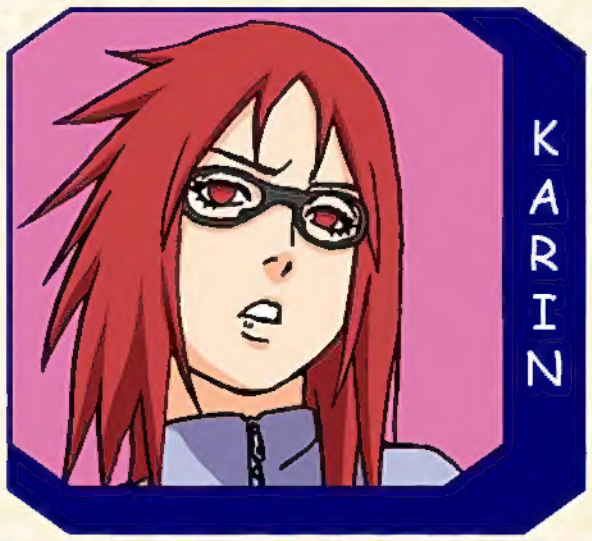

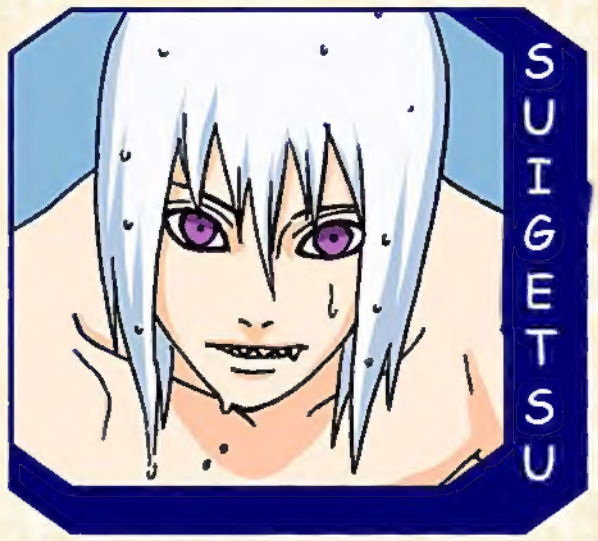

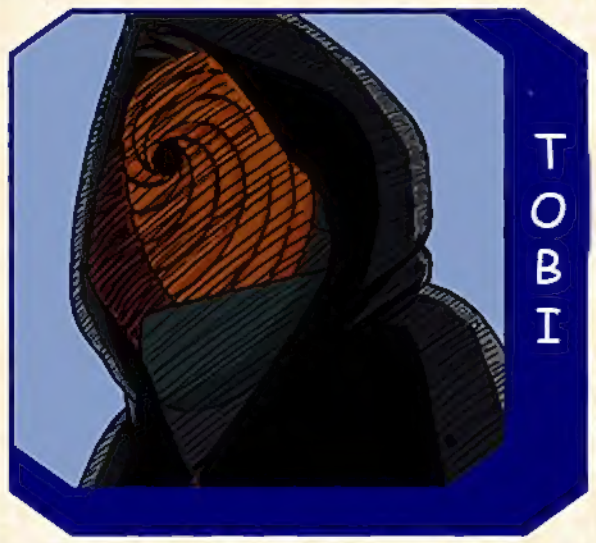

THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of Konohagakure Ninja Academy. Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of Konoha shinobi- an illustriuos group of ninja sworn to protect their vilage from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

Naruto's search for his former classmate and friend, Sasuke- now on a mission of vengeance against his own brother, Itachi- finaly bears fruit, and the paths of these two young shinobi are poised to re-converge...

Jiraiya continues his top-secret mission within the Hidden Rain Village and discovers the true identity of the Akatsuki's enigmatic leader, Pain- who turns out to be none other than one of Jiraiya's former disciple's!

When Pain reveals his quest to create the ultimate jutsu capable of ending all wars by wreaking havoc and causing rampant destruction, Jiraiya is forced to kill his former students in order to save the world. But as he soon discovers, Pain never dies....

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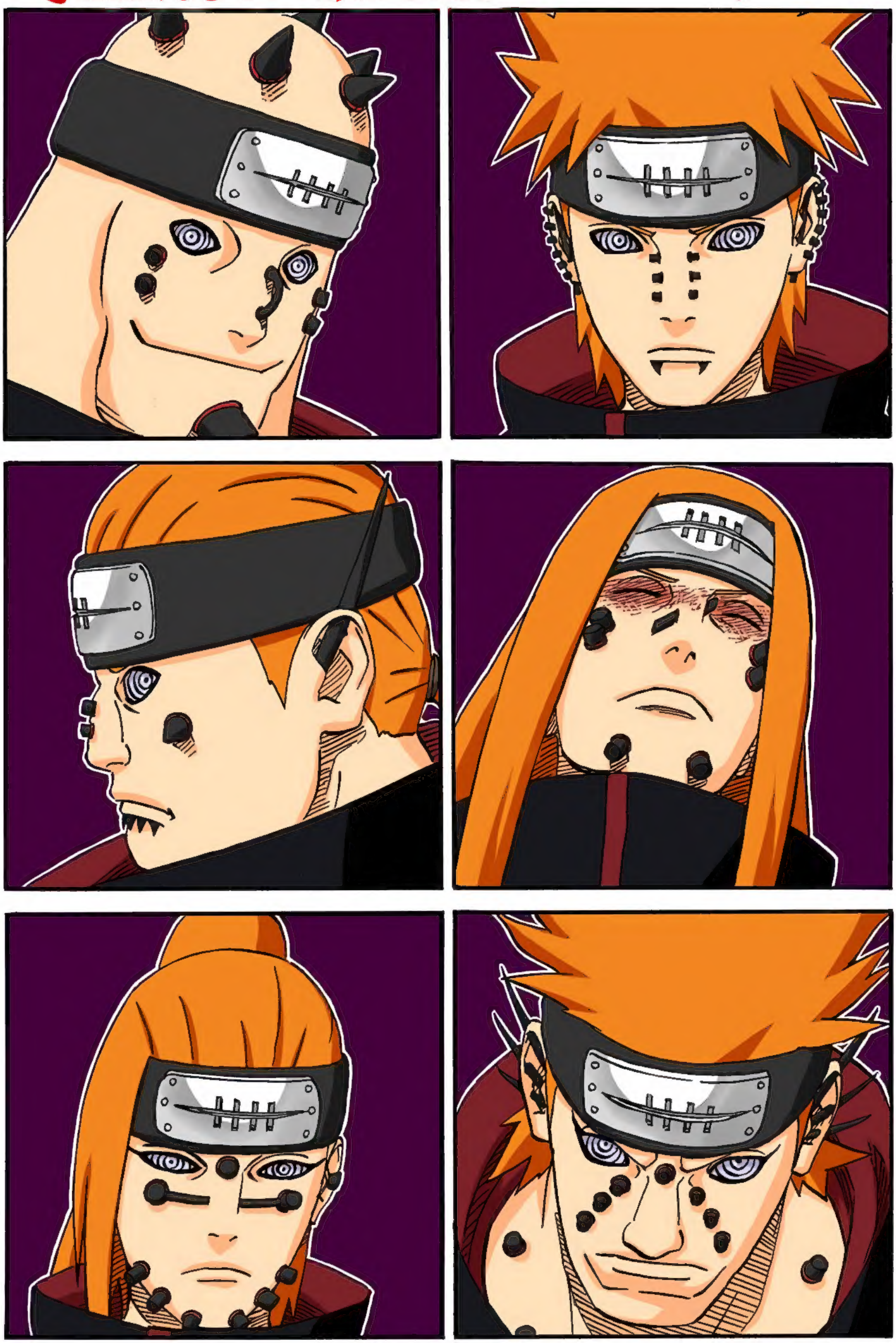

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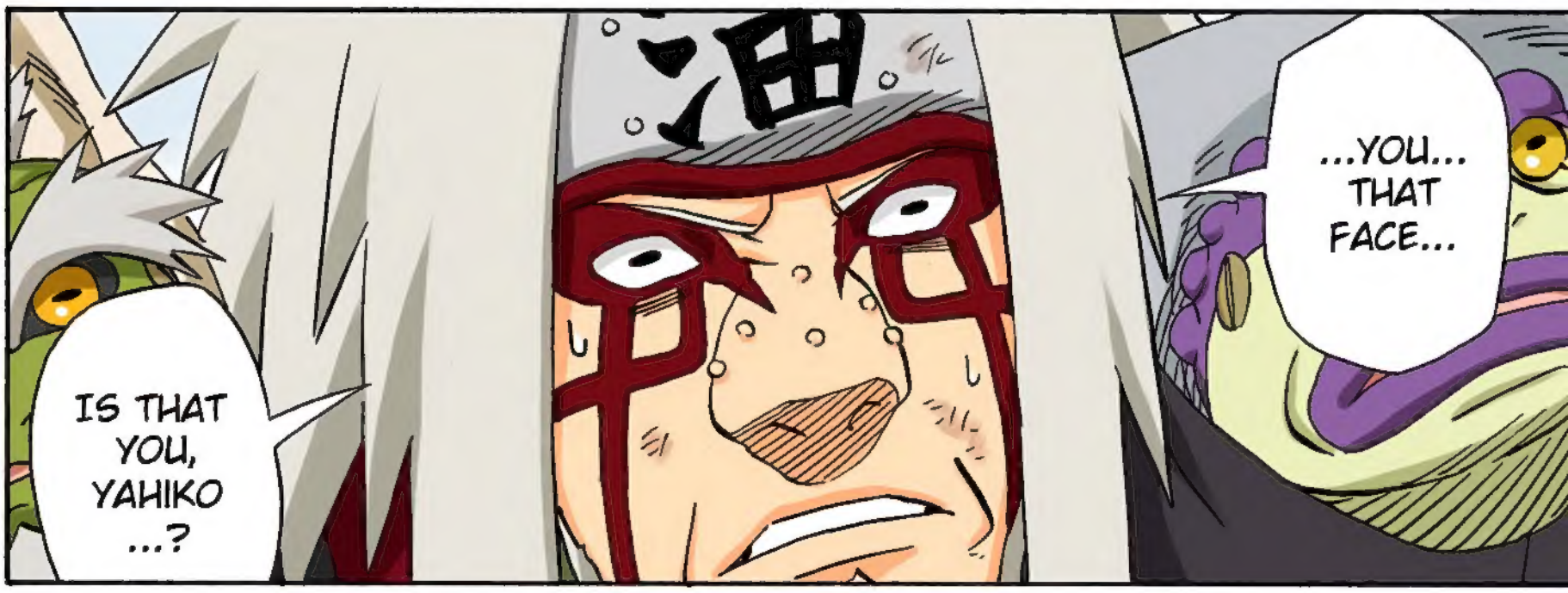

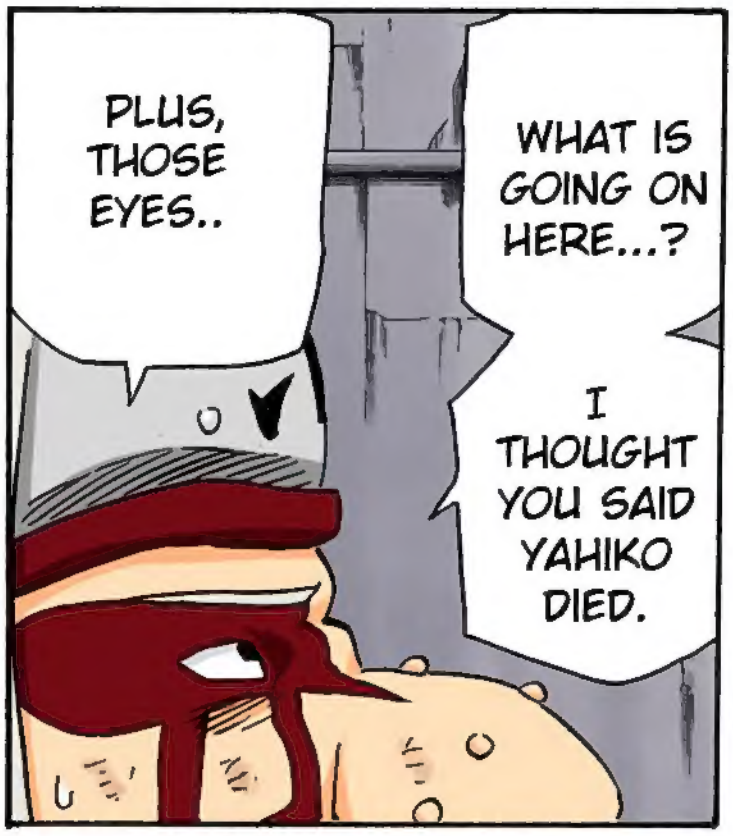

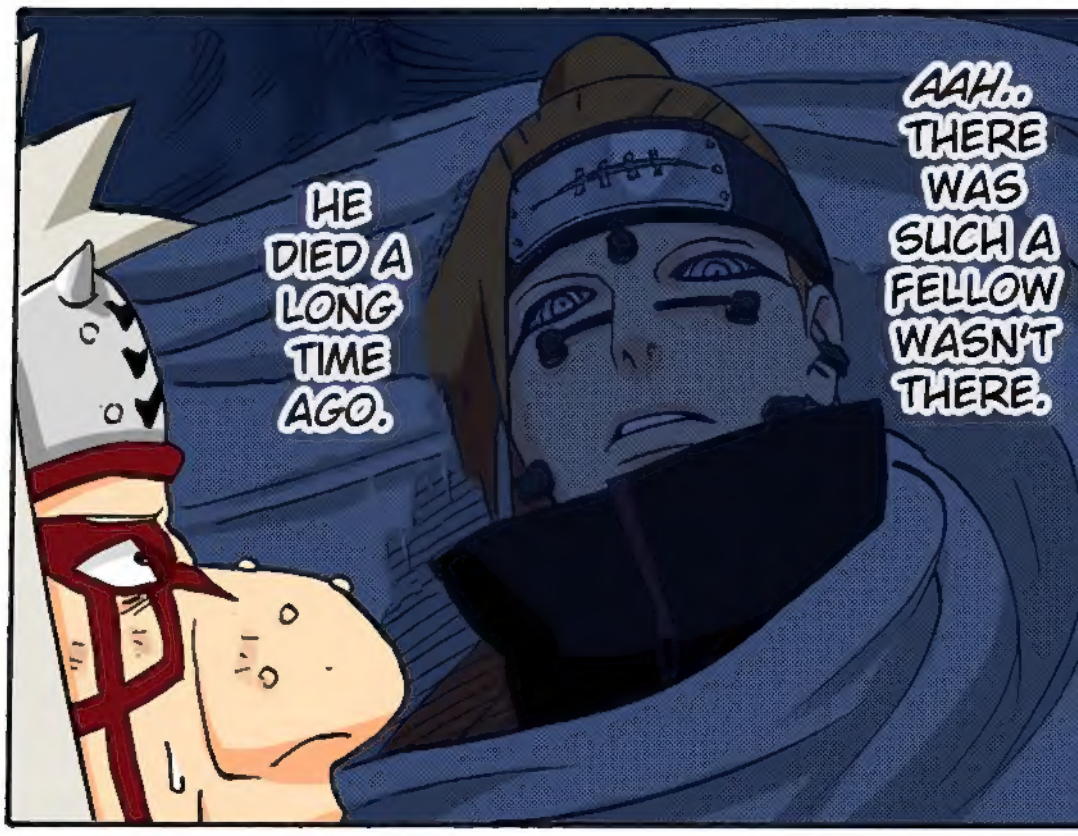

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ALL THAT REMAINS IS PAIN.

...BUT YAHIKO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

YOU REALLY ARE HIS FORMER TEACHER.

YOU SEE IN ME YAHIKO'S IMAGE?

ANOTHER FORMER DISCIPLE IS ALSO AMONG THEM.

EXCEPT HE DIDN'T USE TO HAVE THOSE PUPILS...

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, JIRAIYA-BOY?

QUIT IT WITH THE WORDPLAY!

WHY DO YOU POSSESS THE RUNNEGAN?!

油

.....

YER SAYIN' THERE'RE TWO CHILDRENO' PROPHECY?

WHAT IN TARNATION IS GOIN' ON?

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..BUT HE'S SUBTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE NAGATO I KNEW...

NO..THAT'S WRONG, TOO..WHEN I SAW THE RINNEGAN, I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT THE FIRST FELLOW WAS NAGATO...

COME TO THINK OF IT, UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, NONE OF THOSE SIX REMIND ME OF NAGATO...

ON THE OTHER HAND, ONE FELLOW WHO LOOKS LIKE YAHIKO... BUT POSSESSES NAGATO'S RINNEGAN ...

SO ARE YOU YAHIKO...OR NAGATO...?

AND WHAT ARE YOU?!

WE ARE PAIN...

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!?

THUP

...AND WE ARE A GOD!

THUP

whoosh

WHAT DESPI-CABLE RAIN...

HE'S NOT COMING BACK...

HUH?

..HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT..

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT LORD JIRAIYA..

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THAT'S WHAT I BET HIM.

'CUZ I NEVER WIN.

BASICALLY, THE PURSUIT OF HAPPI-NESS ISN'T FOR US.

REJEC-TION MAKES MEN STRONGER

YES, MA'AM ...

.....

WHEN HE GET'S BACK..

I WON'T LET HIM KEEP HIS COOL.

.....

WHAT A POSER ...

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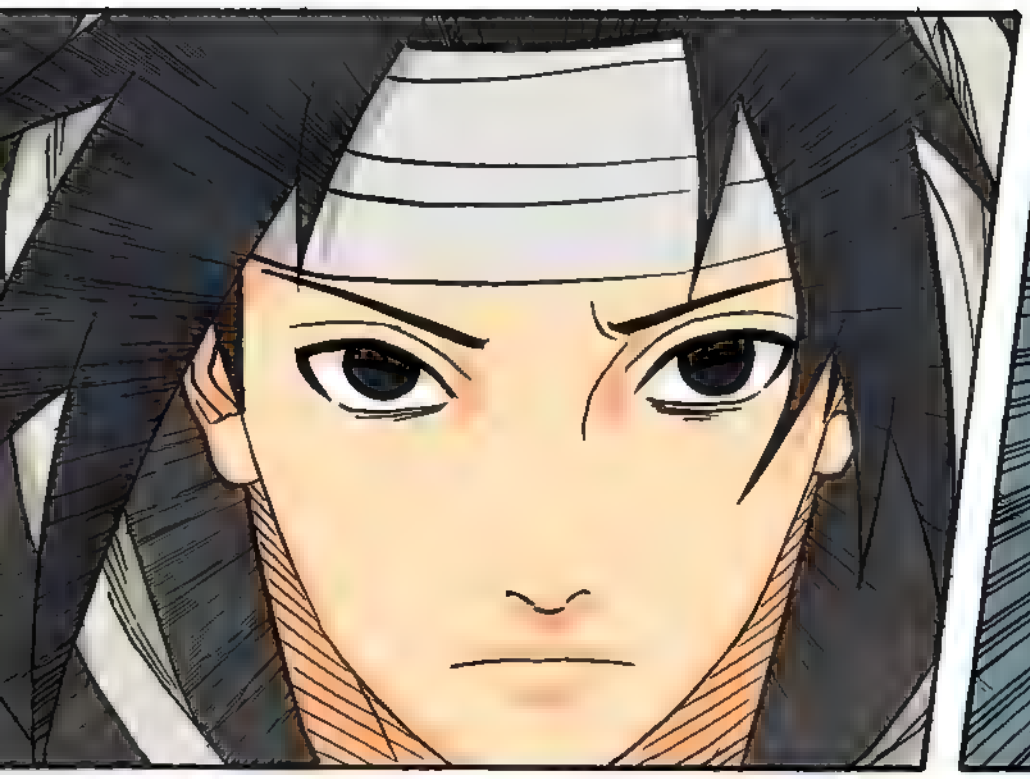

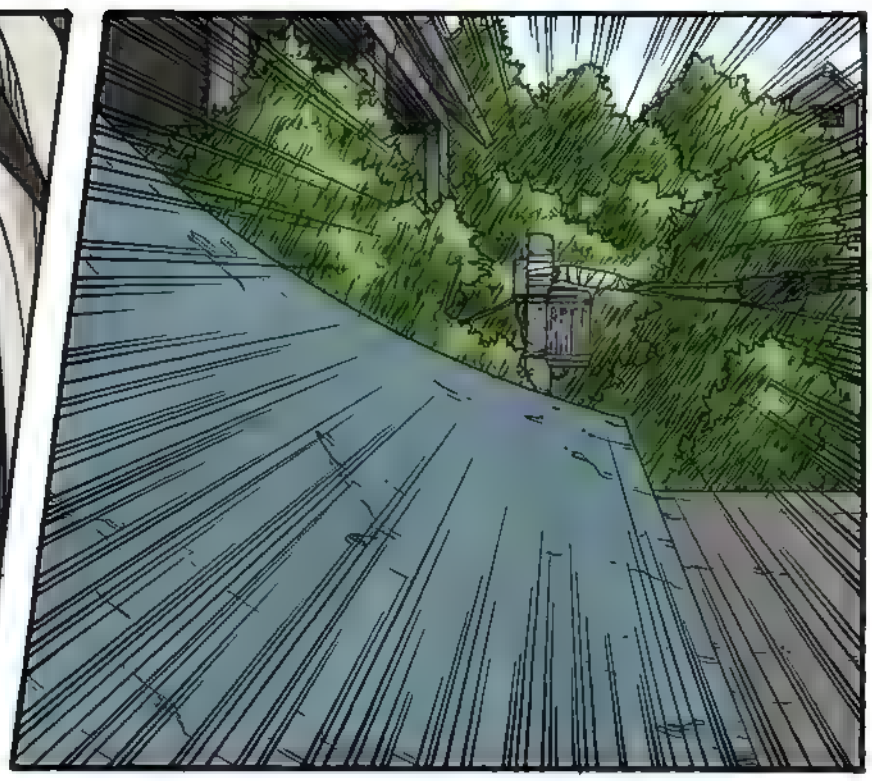

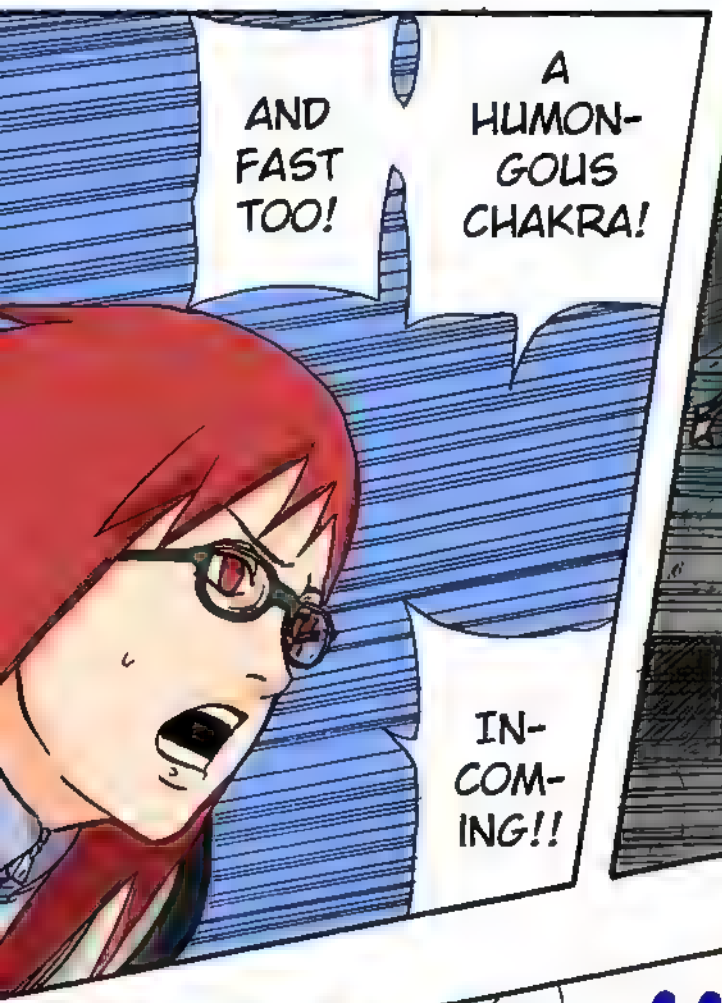

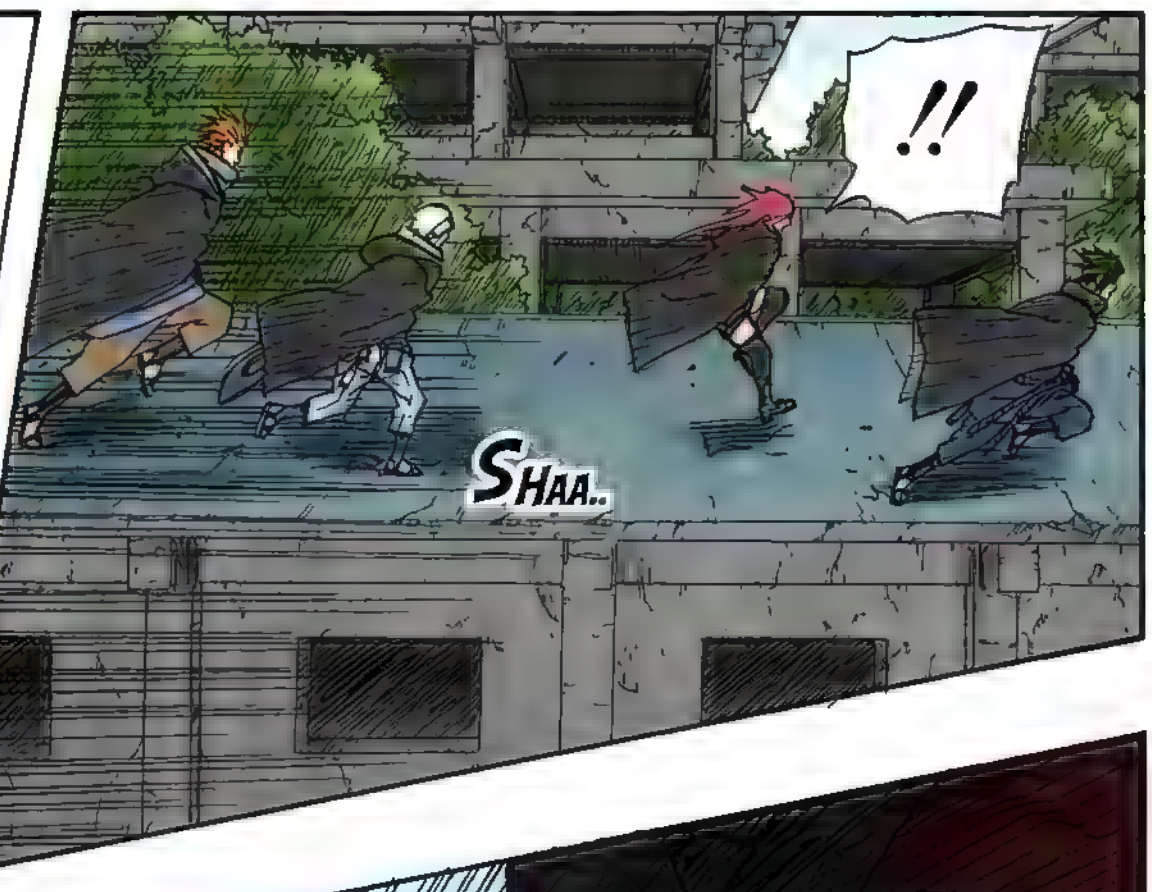

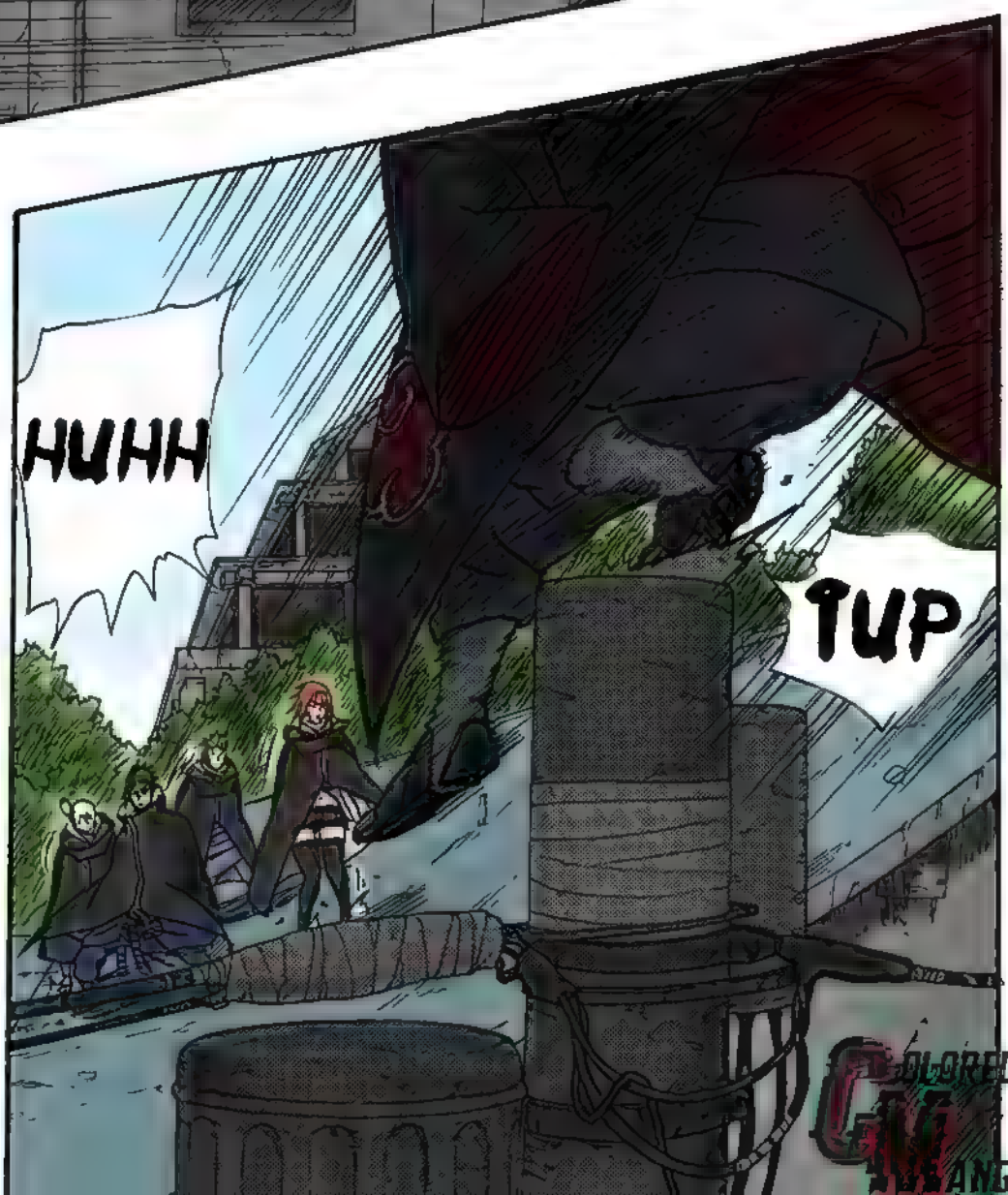

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ONLY SASUKE, ALONE, BEYOND THIS POINT, PLEASE.

ITACHI'S ORDERS..

THE REST OF YOU ARE WELCOME TO WAIT HERE.

..ALL RIGHT.

BESIDES, WE WERE ONLY TRAVELLING AS A CELL IN ORDER TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE, SO..

THAT'S FINE BY ME.

TUP

..BUT IF YOU INSIST ON FORCING YOUR WAY PAST ME..

..THE KID GLOVES WILL COME OFF.

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN FIGHTING YOU..

LET'S TAKE HIM DOWN AND GO IN TOGETHER!!

NO, SASUKE!

GAH..

THIS IS MY VENDETTA.

KARIN.. AND THE REST OF YOU, WAIT HERE.

..AND THE BROAD-SWORD SAMEHADA, THE SHARK-SKIN..

HOSHIGAKI KISAME..

TAP

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HOZUKI SUIGETSU?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF HOZUKI MANGETSU..

SHAA..

.....!

..SO CARE TO PLAY AROUND WITH ME..

..MASTER KISAME?!

SHA

WAITING AROUND FOR SASUKE TO RETURN WOULD JUST BE SO BORING..

SHANK

AAH.. I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU!

YOU SURE HAVE GROWN, SUIGETSU.

SUIGETSU.. SHOULDN'T YOU OBEY SASUKE'S ORDERS?

ARGH, YOU'RE SUCH A DUNCE!!

UNLIKE YOUR BROTHER, I SEE YOU'RE QUITE IMPETUOUS ...

MAYBE I SHOULD CUT YOU UP A BIT.

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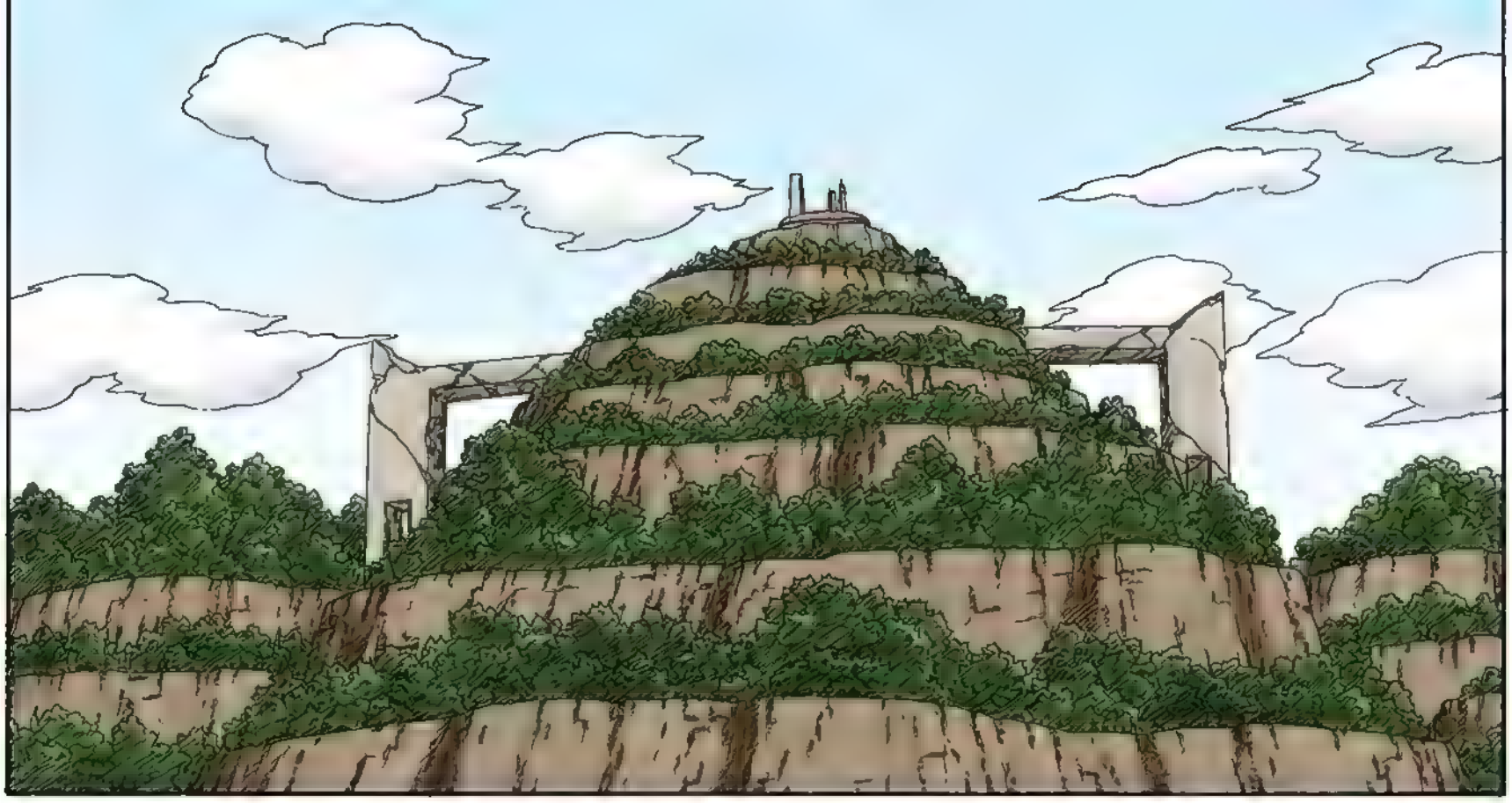

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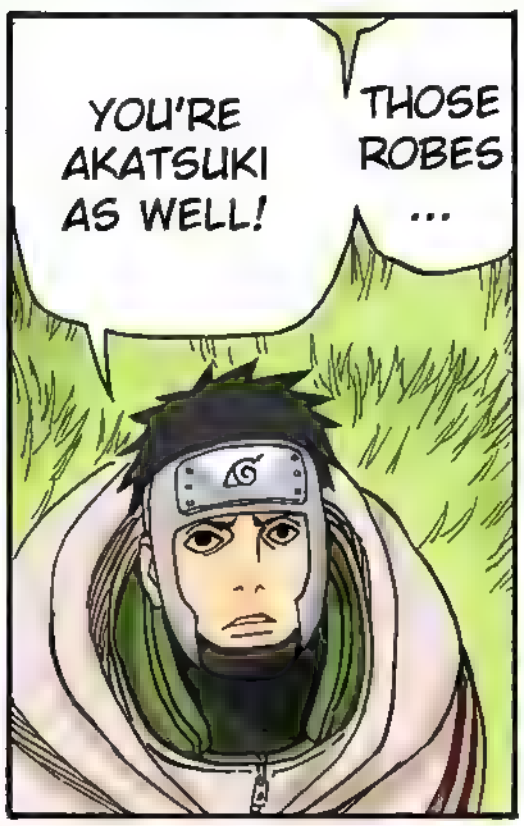

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FEH! GIVE ME A BREAK! DROP THE ACT!!

I'M KINDA NEW, NICE TO MEET YA!

WOOF WOOF!

SO THIS IS AKATSUKI, EH..

OH DEAR... MOCKING ME?

WE NEED TO WAIT AND SEE..

DON'T BE RASH..

..WE DON'T HAVE A NUMBERS ADVAN-TAGE.

!

ANOTHER WEIRDO.. I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THEY KEEP GETTING BETWEEN US AND SASUKE OVER AND OVER AGAIN..!!

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A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER?!

GET OUTTA OUR WAY!!

BL

AARGH!!

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JUST KIDDING ...

!? SHAA FWOOSH

!?

WHAT I'M SEEING RIGHT NOW...

TAP

HOW MUCH CAN I SEE WITH THESE?

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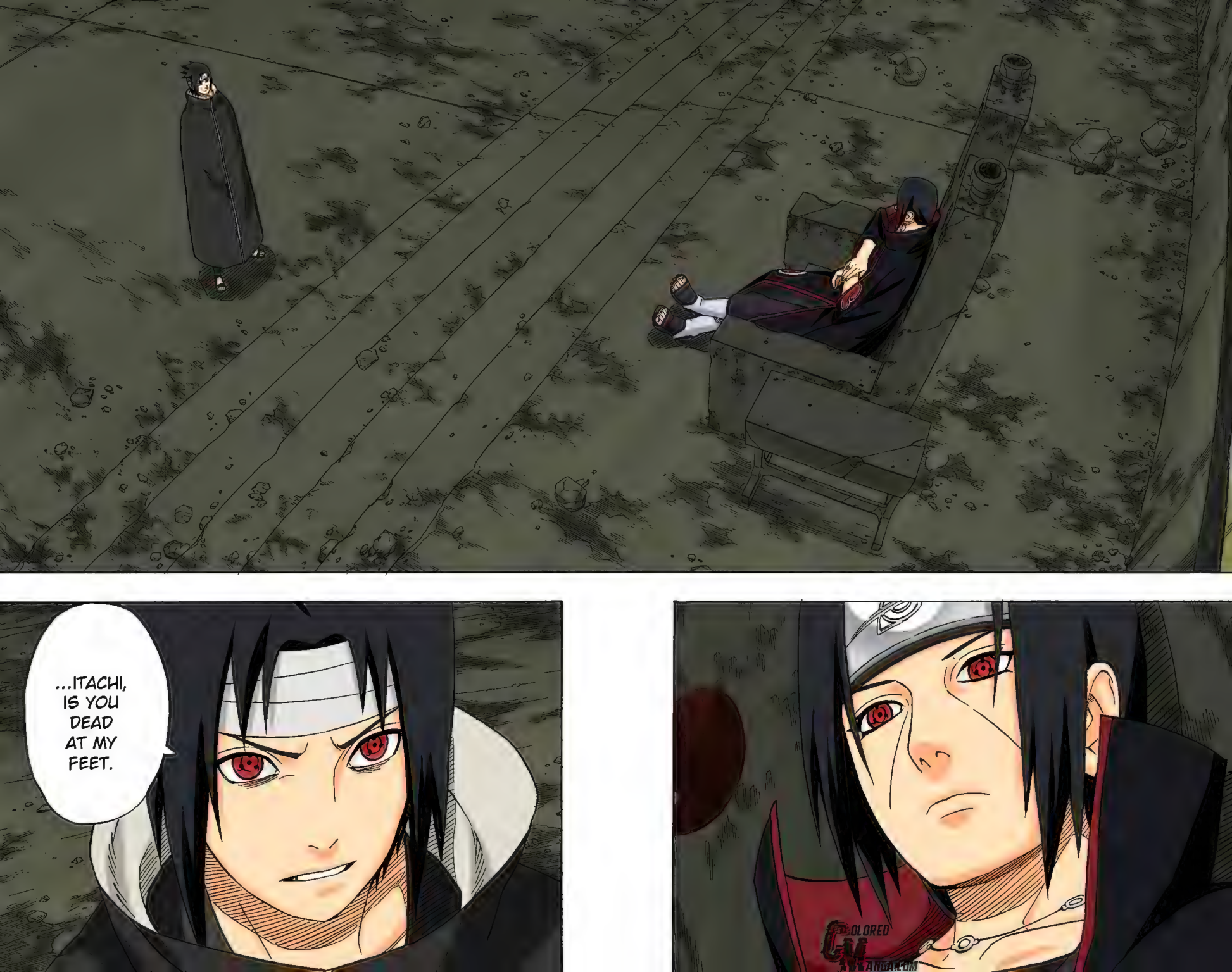
...ITACHI, IS YOU DEAD AT MY FEET.

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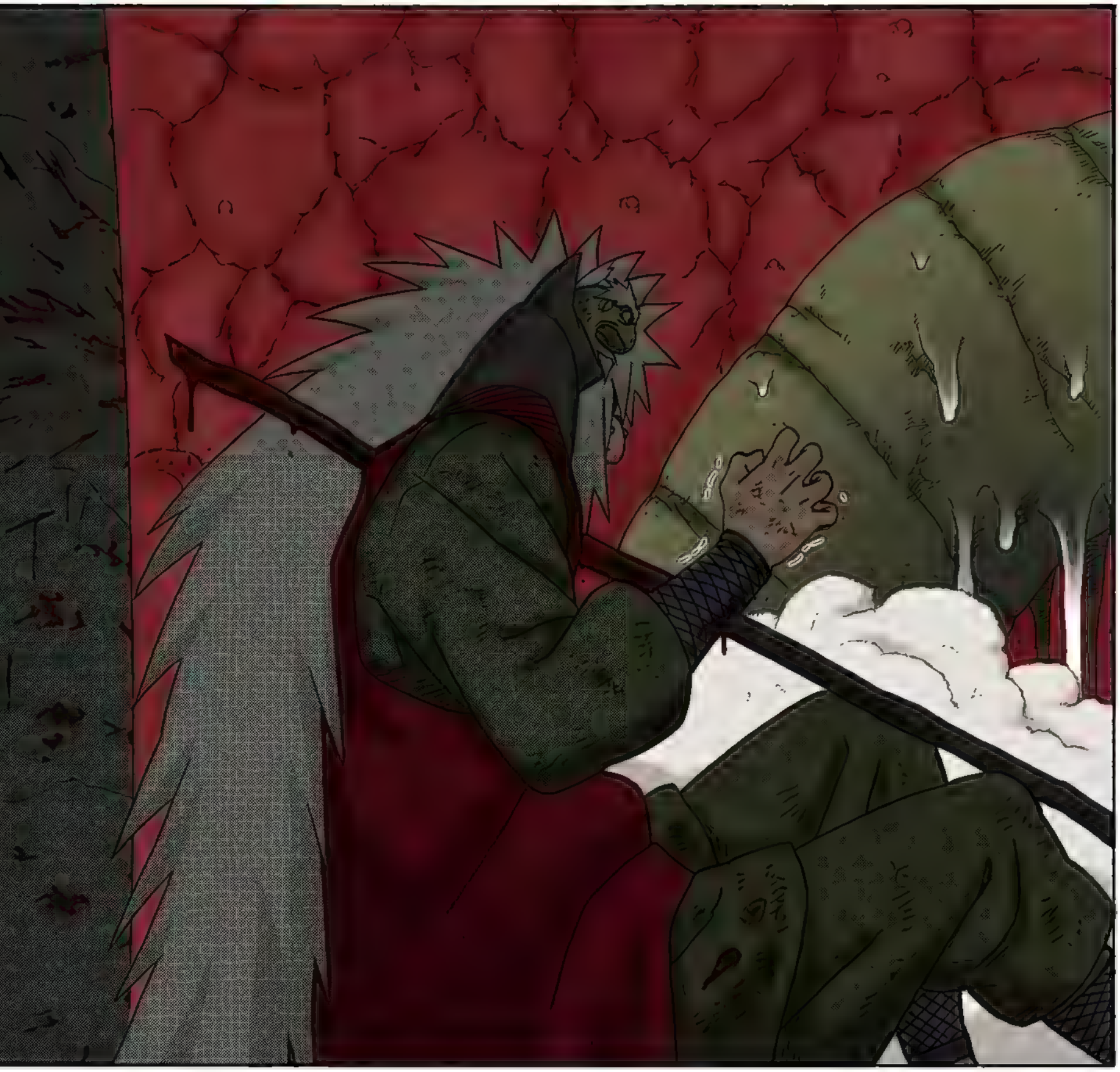

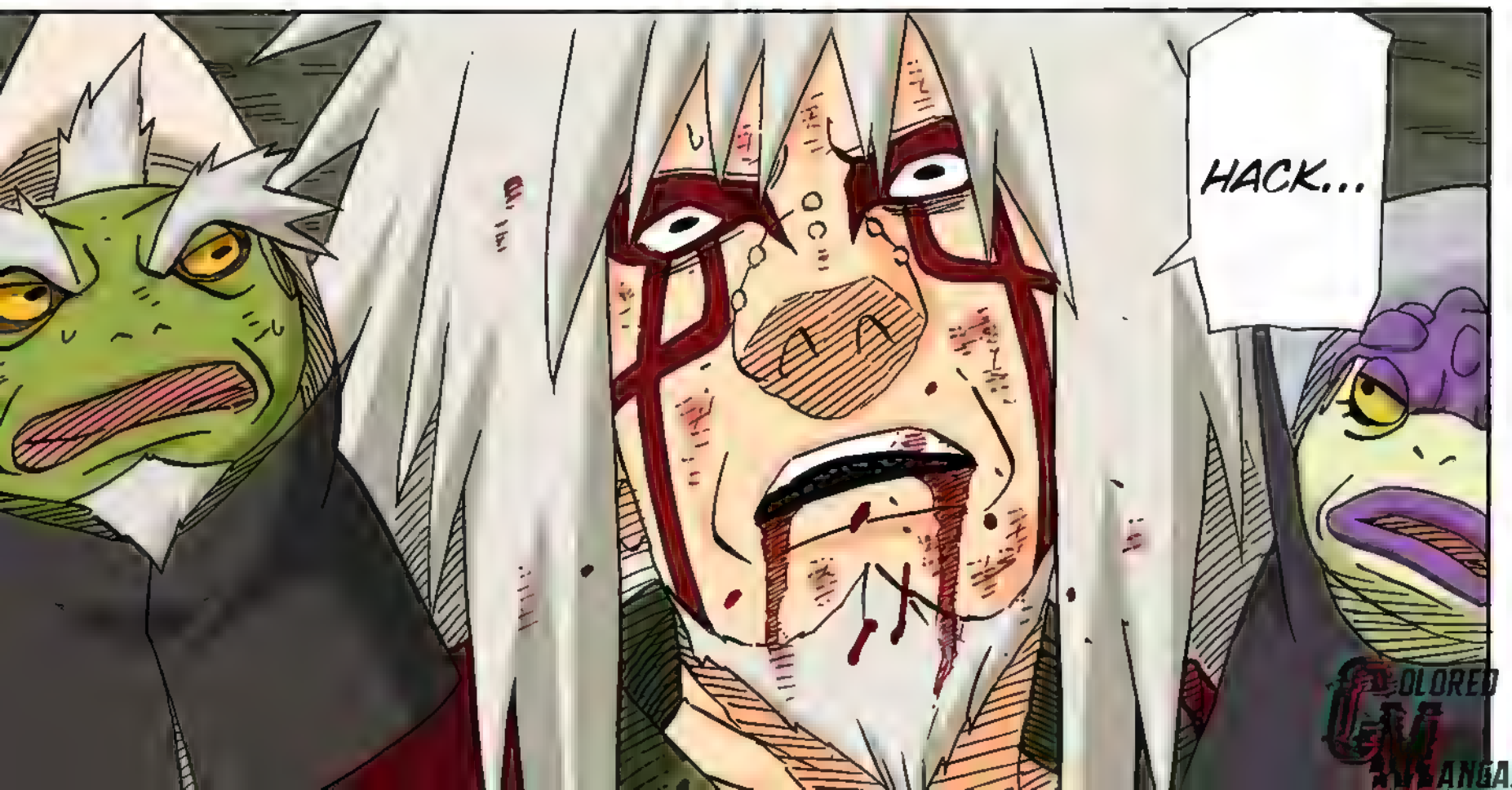

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UGH..

GLUP

GLUP

HSSS

SAAA

SSSSH

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..UGH.. SOME-WHAT..

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LAD?

..AND I BARELY MANAGE TO SNAG ONE, EH..

I TRY TO DRAG YOU ALL INTO MY BARRIER..

MY CHAKRA'S AGITATED!!

MY BODY ...?!!

!!

IS IT THAT ?!

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PKANG

ZAAP!!

UHH

OW..

THEY'RE NO LONGER MORTAL.. THEY'RE SOME-THING ELSE.

THUMP

THEIR IDENTITY IS A MYSTERY, AND THEY SEEM TO USE ODD WEAPONS TOO.

UGH!

HA

HA

KLATTER

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT, HE'S YAHIKO.

BUT THAT FACE ...

NO ONE HAS EVER REALLY SEEN HIM UP CLOSE, AND SOME EVEN CLAIM THAT HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST.

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...BUT...

DID YAHIKO FOR SOME REASON STEAL THEM FROM NAGATO?

AND YET HE HAS NAGATO'S RINNE-GAN...

SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

...THERE ARE OTHER RINNEGAN-BEARERS AS WELL...

...PLUS...

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.....

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.

BUT IT IS BECAUSE ONE UNDERSTANDS SUCH PAIN THAT GENEROSITY TOWARDS OTHERS BECOMES SECOND NATURE.

I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND

GROW UP?

TO GROW UP.

WHAT.. DO YOU MEAN?

.....

TO BECOME ABLE TO THINK AND MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS.

.....

THE PAIN FORCED ME TO GROW UP.

THERE WERE TOO MANY DEATHS IN THIS LAND.

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IN WHICH CASE, DOES THAT MEAN HE IS NAGATO ..?

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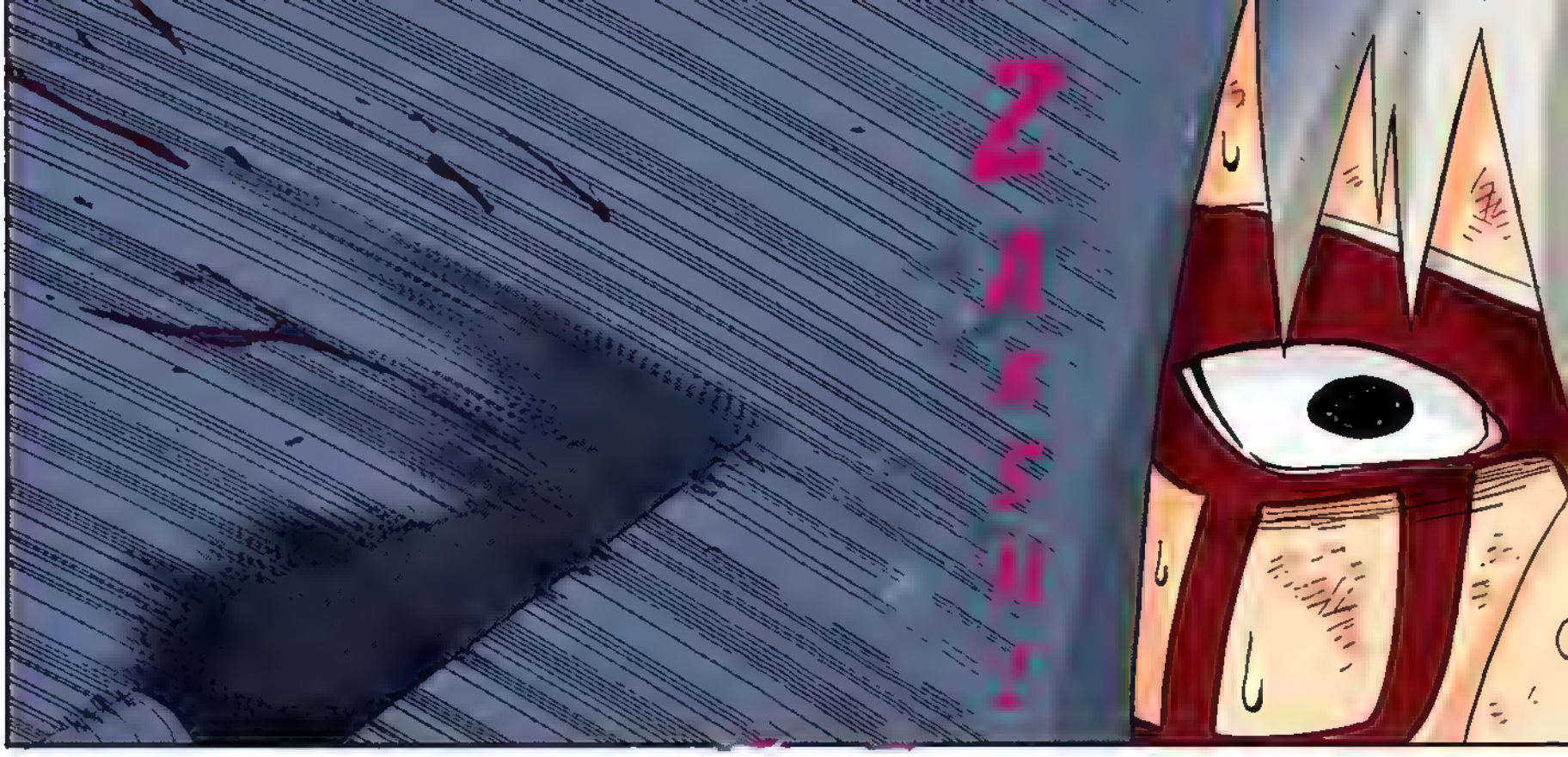

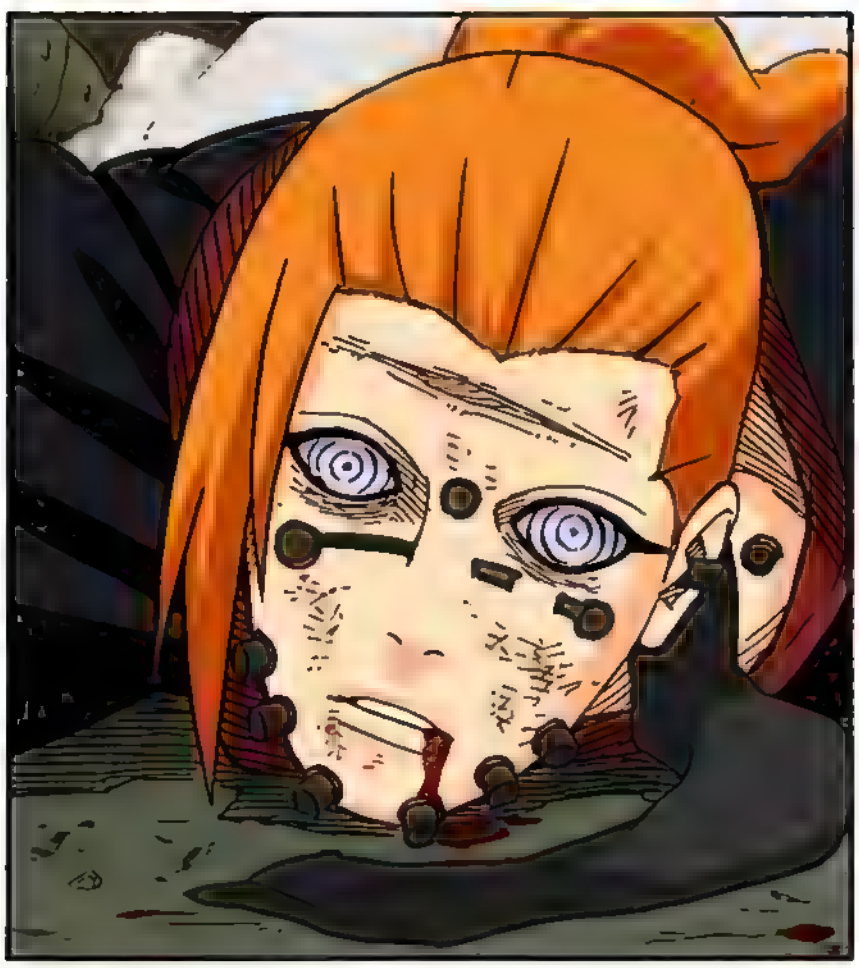

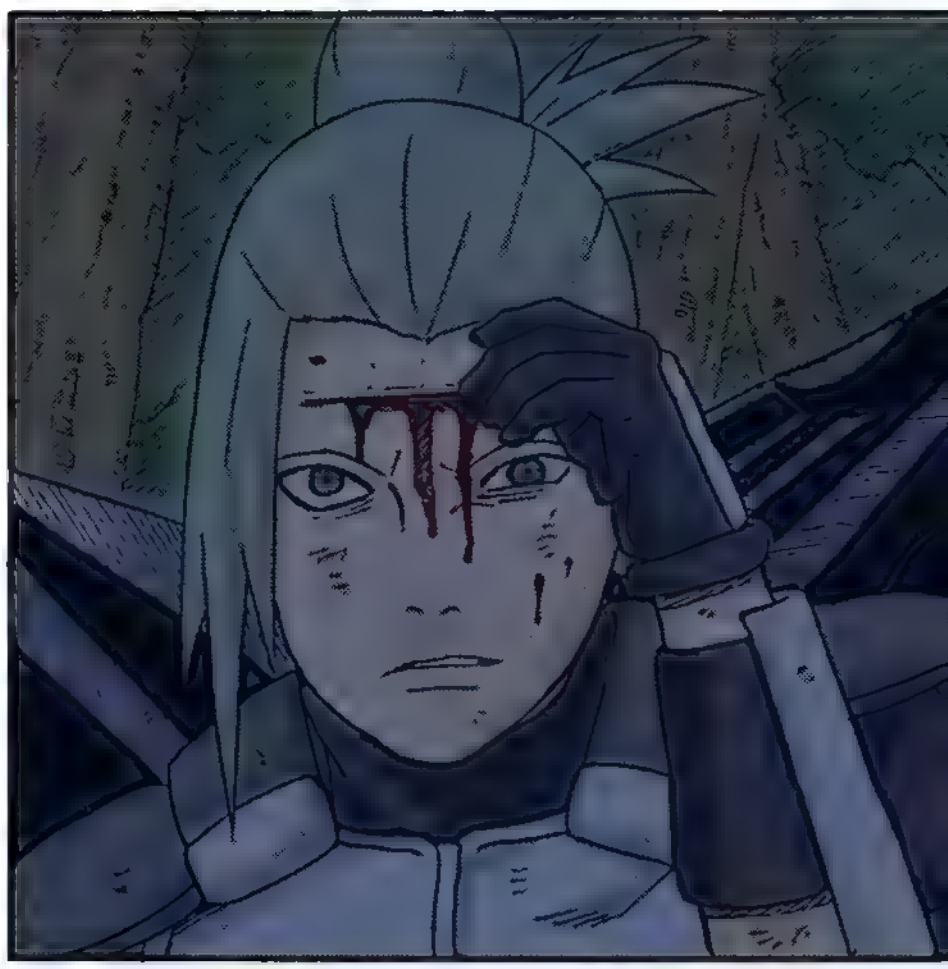

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WHAT'S DA MATTER?

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THIS FELLOW IN FRONT OF US.. I HAVE FACED HIM TOO BEFORE..

HE'S DEFINITELY NOT NAGATO!!

THAT'S IT.. NOW I REMEMBER!

THIS MAKES THE WHOLE BLASTED PAIN THING EVEN MORE CONFUSIN' ..!

SO WHAT'S SUCH A FELLER DOIN' HERE?

..HE WAS A FUMA CLAN MEMBER WHO ATTACKED ME ON A MOUNTAIN PATH.

IT WAS RIGHT AFTER I HAD SET OUT ON MY JOURNEY, FOLLOWING THE GREAT LORD ELDER'S PROPHECY..

I GAVE HIM THAT SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD..

DON'T TELL ME.. IF THAT PROPHECY IS REAL..

PERHAPS IT MEANS YOU SHALL TRAVEL WIDELY, SEEING ALL THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE.

BOOKS ...? WHAT EVER FOR?

N MY DREAM, YOU WALKED THE WORLD WRITING BOOKS

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..YOU TWO NEED TO GO HOME.

I WANT TO GO BACK AND FACE THEM IN ORDER TO CONFIRM SOME-THING..

RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVEN,T EVEN PICKED UP ON OUR LOCATION YET.

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THE PLUM OUT OF DODGE!

NO WAY! IF YOU GO BACK OUT THERE YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!!

THERE'RE MORE PAIRS O'EYES NOW! AND OUR BARRIER TRAP WON'T WORK ON 'EM A SECOND TIME!!

WHA ?!

.....

?

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH..

PLUS..

IF I LET THIS CHANCE SLIP BY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD GET AS CLOSE TO PAIN.

BUT I MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO DEDUCE OUR ENEMY'S TRUE IDENTITY..

FOR SURE, IF I GO BACK OUT, I MAY BE KILLED.

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.....

..THIS IS THE TIME FOR SELECTION THET THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED!

BUT..

..AND TELL TSUNADE..

BOSS,YOU AND MA PLEASE TAKE BACK THE INTEL ON PAIN WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR, AND THIS CORPSE.

YA'LL JUST BETTER BE HOME BY SUPPER-TIME.

MA SHOULD BE ENOUGH FER THAT.

THANK YOU..

.....

.....

YEAH.. WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I'LL BRING JIRAIYA-BOY ON OVER WITH ME.

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VLWOOP!!

GLUP GLUP GLUP

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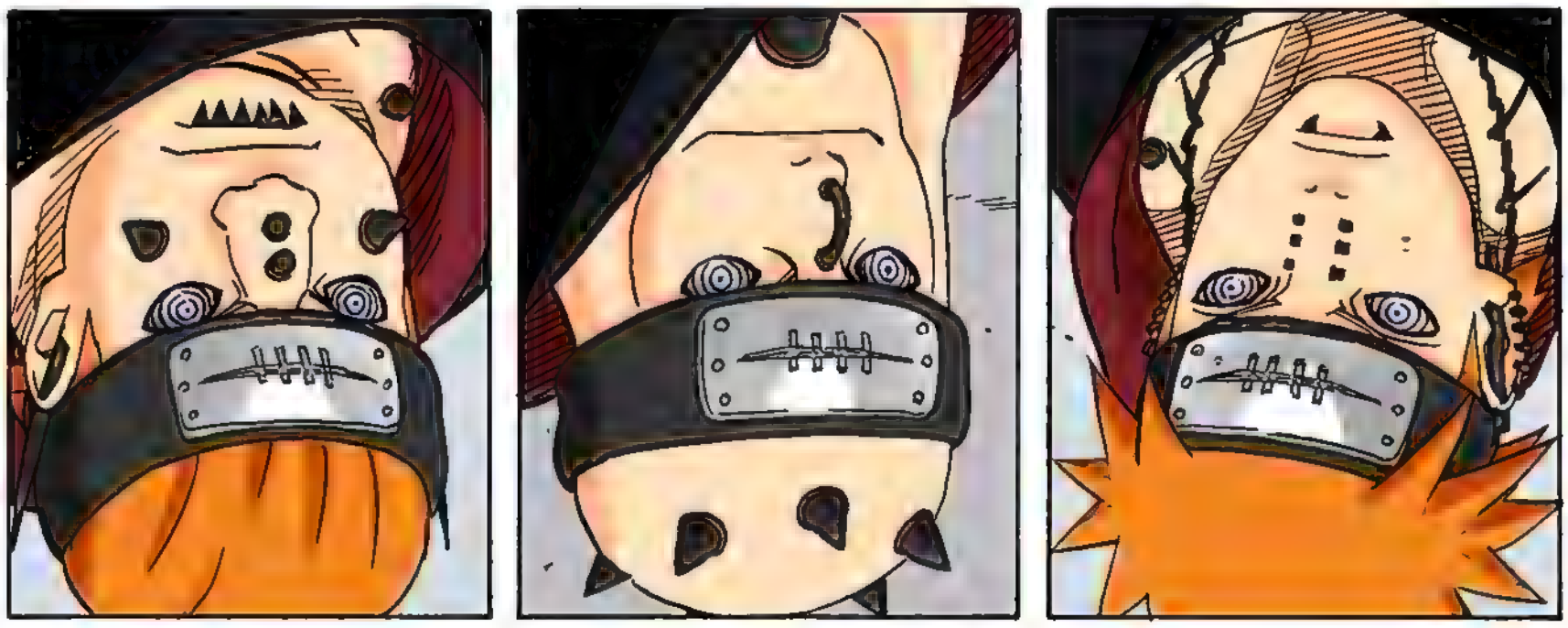

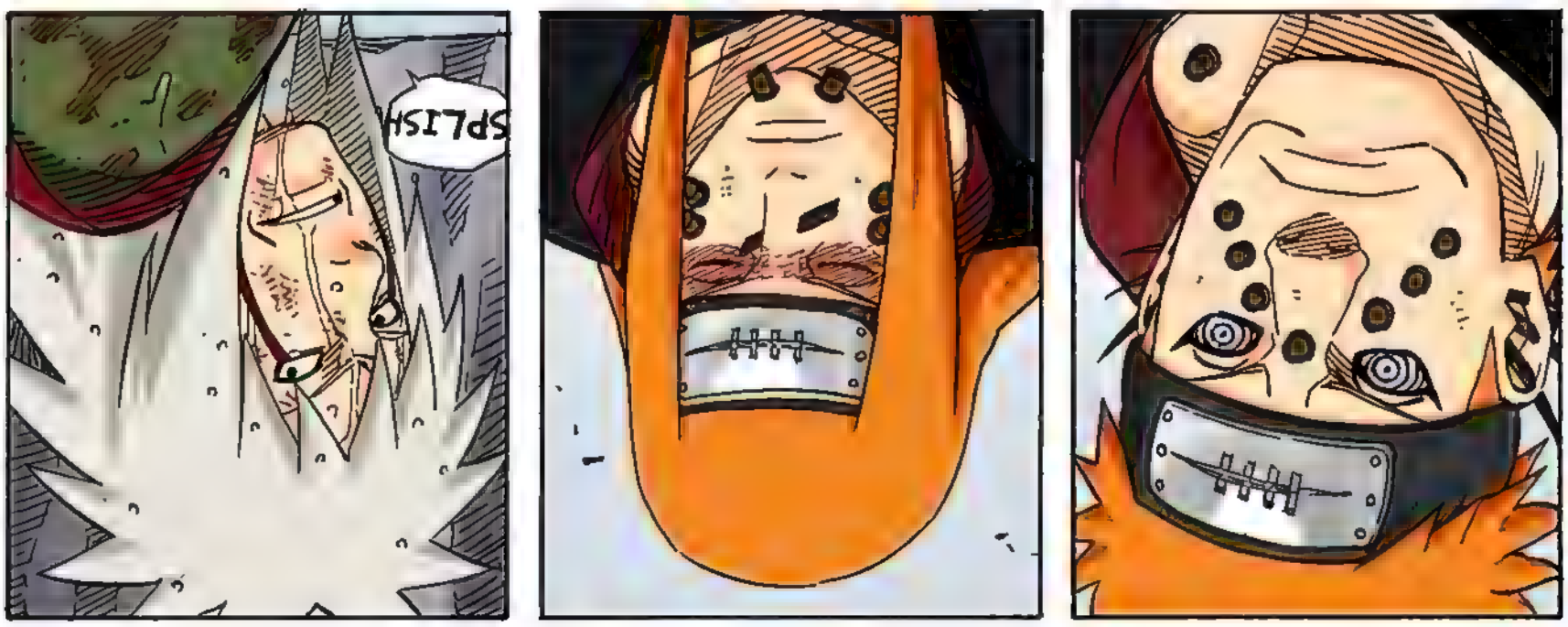

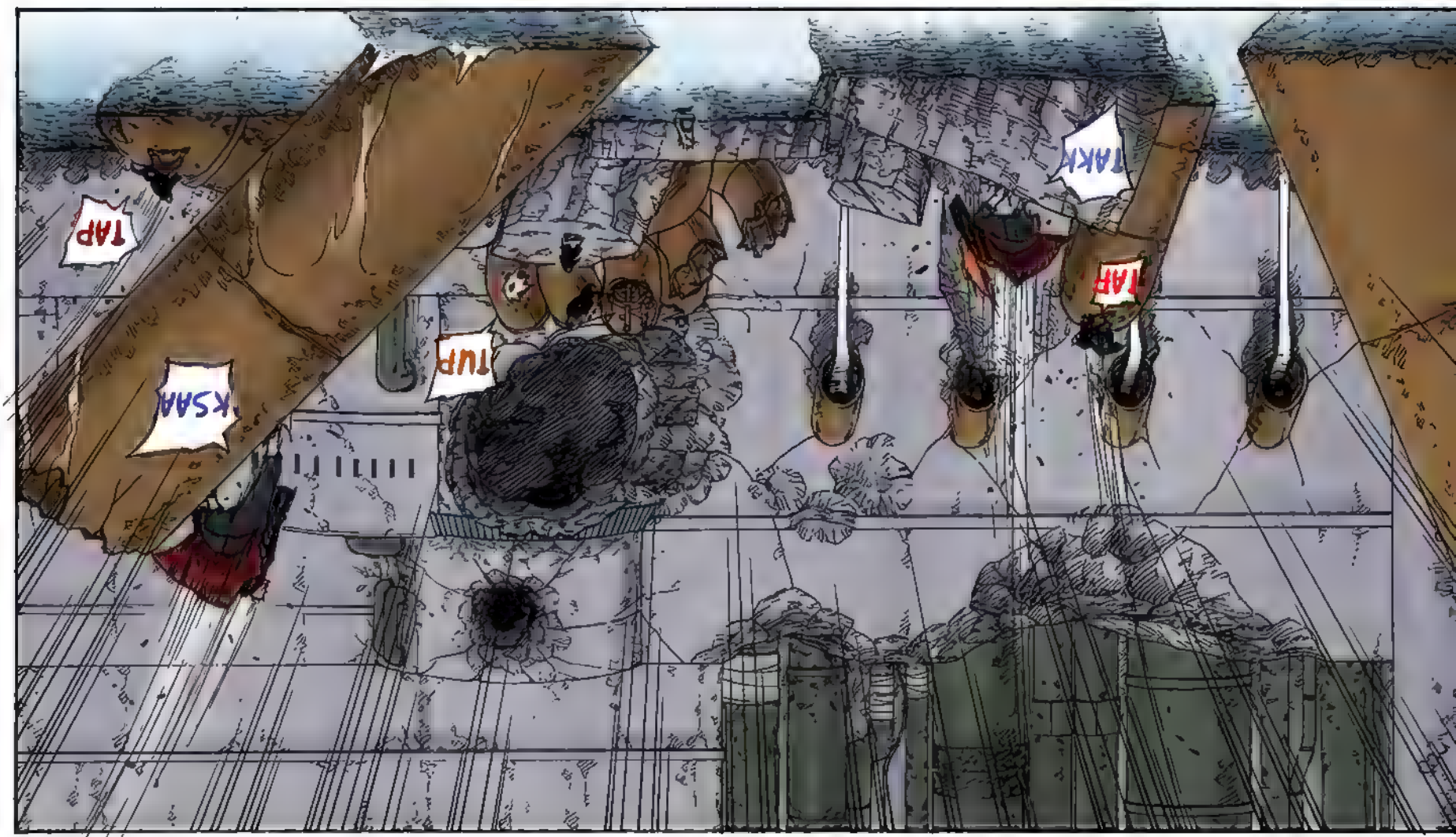

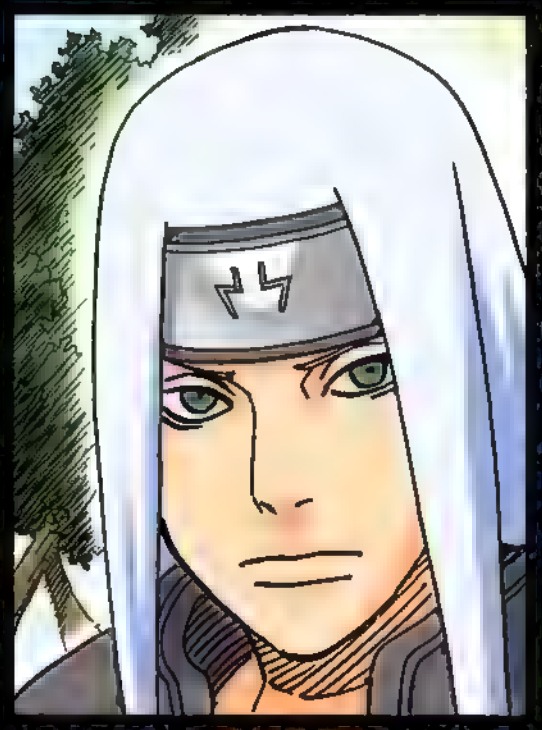

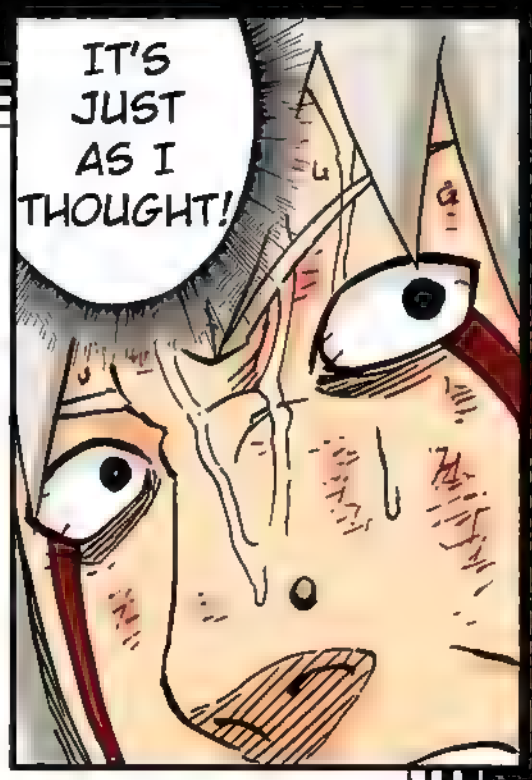

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!!?
SWISH
THAT'S IT! I'VE FIGURED OUT WHO PAIN IS!!
!!

HACK

MY THROAT ...!!

JIRAIYA-BOY!!

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MY THROAT ....!!
JIRAIYA-BOY!!

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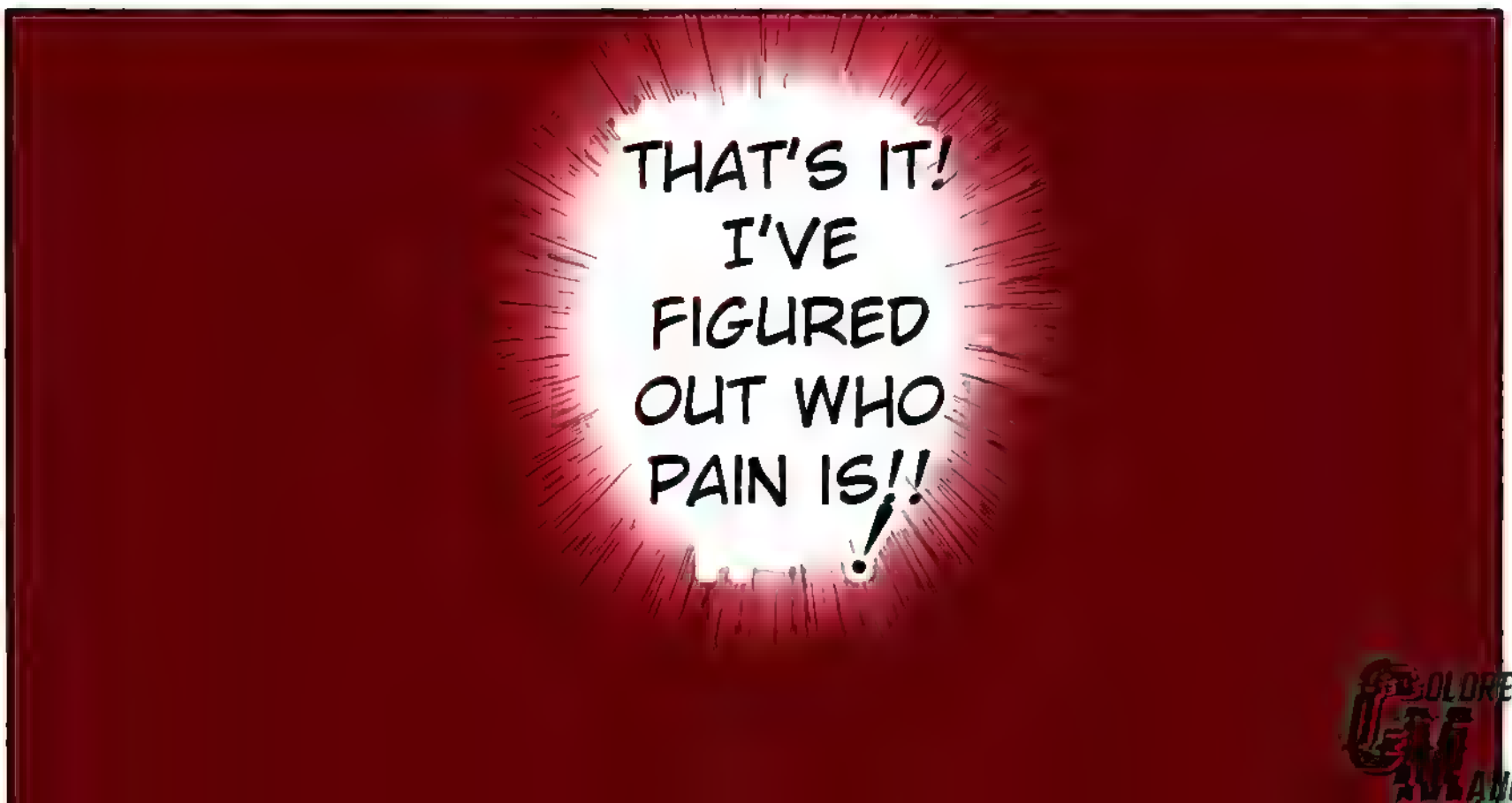

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I MUST RELAY.. THIS NEWS.. TO BOSS!!

HSMS HSMS

SHOOT.. MY THROAT'S BEEN DESTROYED..!

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ARGH!

AT THIS RATE ...!!

DUP DUP

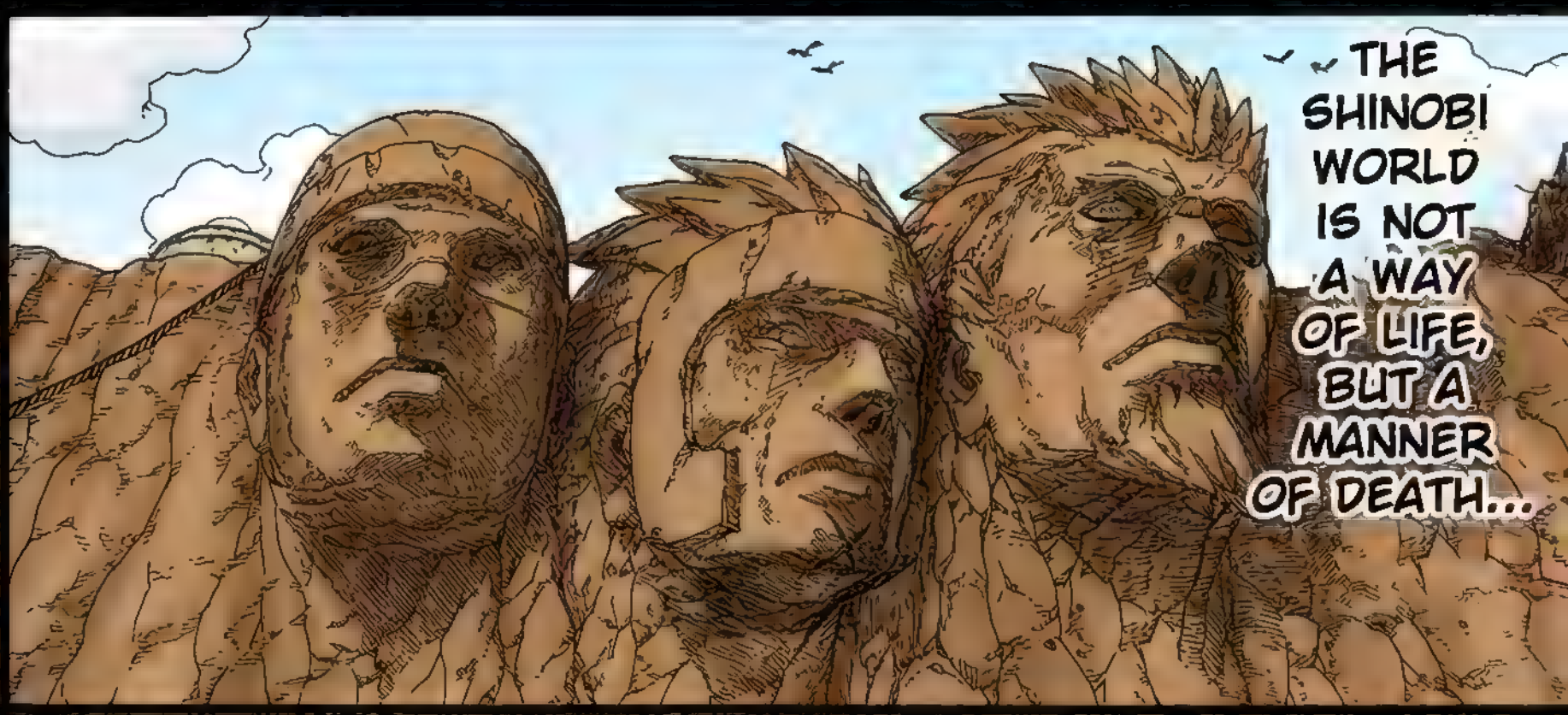
...GOING TO DIE?

AM I...

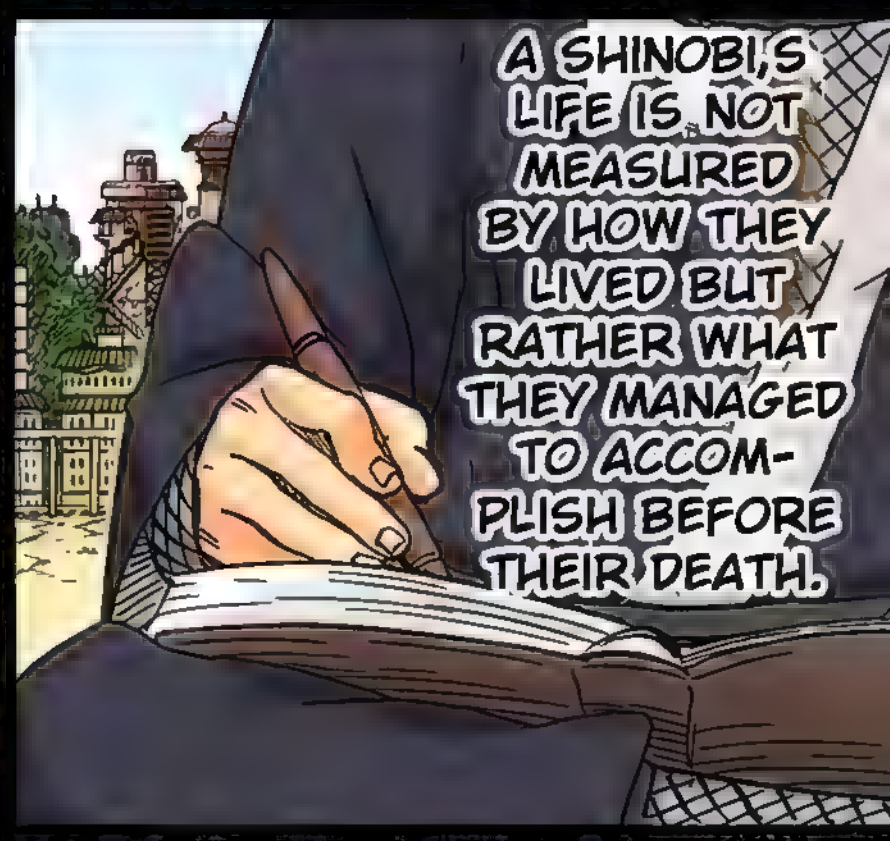
NOT ENOUGH ...

FADING ...

HAVE I FAILED?


THE SHINOBI WORLD IS NOT A WAY OF LIFE, BUT A MANNER OF DEATH...

..AND LOOKING BACK, MY LIFE'S TALE WAS FULL OF FAILURE...


A SHINOBI,S LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW THEY LIVED BUT RATHER WHAT THEY MANAGED TO ACCOM-PLISH BEFORE THEIR DEATH.

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...UNABLE
TO PROTECT
EITHER MY
DISCIPLE
OR MY
TEACHER
...

...UNABLE
TO STOP
MY
FRIEND...

...ARE
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THINGS
INDEED...

COMPARED
TO THE
GREAT
DEEDS
OF THE
HOKAGE,
MY
ACTIONS..

I WISH I COULD HAVE DIED LIKE EACH OF THE HOKAGE.

IN RETURN ...

AND MISTAKES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLOT TOO I'VE LIVED MY LIFE ALWAYS BELIEVING THAT THE LESSONS I LEARNED ARE WHAT HONED ME.

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A TALE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS FINAL TURN OF EVENTS, THE PLOT TWIST.

BUT.. WITH MY PLOT TWIST.. MY TALE, ENDING LIKE THIS...

...AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO.. *HO HO...*

...AND DIE A SPLENDID SHINOBI!

... I SWORE I WOULD ACCOMPLISH A DEED SO GREAT THAT IT WOULD OBLITERATE ALL OF MY FAILURES...

...BUT IN THE END, I FAILED IN THAT SELECTION TOO..

I THOUGHT I WOULD DEFEAT PAIN, STOP THE AKATSUKI, AND SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUC-TION...

A PERSON WHO WILL MAKE A GREAT CHOICE THAT WILL BRING EITHER STABILITY OR DESTRUCTION TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI...

THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED THAT I WOULD GUIDE THAT REVELUTION.

WHAT A WORTHLESS STORY...

...THAT THIS WILL BE THE TWIST TO THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT...

SO PITIFUL...

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NO, NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

I THINK THIS TALE IS WONDER-FUL!

MAYBE I OUGHT TO INSERT SOME CLAN-DESTINE INTERLUDES INTO MY NEXT NOVEL..?

SOME AUTOBIO-GRAPHY ..

..THE SALES TANKED.

EACH CHAPTER READS LIKE ONE OF YOUR NUMEROUS LEGENDARY EXPLOITS..

..LIKE IT'S ALMOST AUTOBIO-GRAPHICAL!

A LOT LIKE YOU, MASTER.

THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THIS BOOK.. I THOUGHT HIS DETERMI-NATION TO NEVER GIVE UP WAS REALLY COOL..

HMM?

SO I WAS THINKING ...

Y-YOU THINK SO...?

..CAN BECOME A SPLENDID SHINOBI JUST LIKE THIS MAIN CHARACTER!

I REALLY HOPE MY SOON-TO-BE BORN CHILD..

I MEAN, I RANDOMLY CAME UP WITH IT WHILE EATING RAMEN..

..H-HEY! ARE YOU SURE?

..TO NAME MY SON AFTER HIM.

WHICH IS WHY I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION..

..IT'S A WONDER-FUL NAME.

NARUTO ...

SWIP...

KU-SHINA..

YOU SURE YOU'RE BOTH OKAY WITH THAT?

..DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME HIS GODFATHER, THEN?

HA HA.. GEE...

OH...

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WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AS SPLENDID AS YOU..

..WHO POSSESS THE TRUE TALENT OF A GENUINE SHINOBI.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

THAT'S RIGHT...

I GAVE THAT CHILD...

I'M GONNA BE HOKAGE!!

A HOKAGE THAT SURPASSES ALL PREVIOUS HOKAGE!!

I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD...

...THAT'S MY SHINOBI WAY!

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YOU'VE INHERITED MINATO AND KUSHINA'S HOPES...

NARUTO... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU ARE JUST LIKE THAT NOVEL'S MAIN CHARACTER.

WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AS SPLENDID AS YOU.. ..WHO POSSESSES THE TALENT OF A REAL SHINOBI.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

AND YET... I...

.....

..A NINJA IS ONE WHO WIELDS NINJUTSU.

..AS THE NAME SUGGESTS ...

SHINOBI TALENT LIES IN WETHER OR NOT ONE CAN USE AND MASTER ALL THE JUTSU IN THE WORLD.

.....!

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT..?

SHINOBI TALENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT..

..ONE WHO ENDURES.

A NINJA IS...

...IS NOT THE NUMBER OF JUTSU ...

THE MOST IMPORTANT TALENT FOR A SHINOBI...

ONE THING I'M GONNA TEACH YOU..

A DIFFER-ENCE OF OPINION, *EH?*

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THE IMPORTANT THING IS...

..HAVING THE GUTS TO NEVER GIVE UP.

FOR...

..I HAVE NO BUSI-NESS WHINING ...

NARUTO, AS YOUR MENTOR AND TEACHER ...

...IS YOUR SHINOBI WAY...

IF NEVER GOING BACK ON YOUR WORD AND NEVER GIVING UP

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...IT'S GENERALLY AGREED UPON THAT A DISCIPLE INHERITS HIS SHINOBI WAY FROM HIS TEACHER RIGHT NARUTO?

JIRAIYA-BOY

GGG ...!!

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HE FOUGHT HIS WAY BACK BY SHEER WILL?!

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OK!!

ZWOOP

UWEEH

I TOUGHT HIS HEART HAD STOPPED..

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ZIZZLE...

UGH..

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ALL RIGHT! MESSAGE RECEIVED!!

NARUTO, YOU ARE THE CHILD OF PROPHECY I'M SURE OF IT NOW ...AND THE REST, I LEAVE IN YOUR HANDS!!

I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP... THAT WAS THE TRUE CHOICE I WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE!

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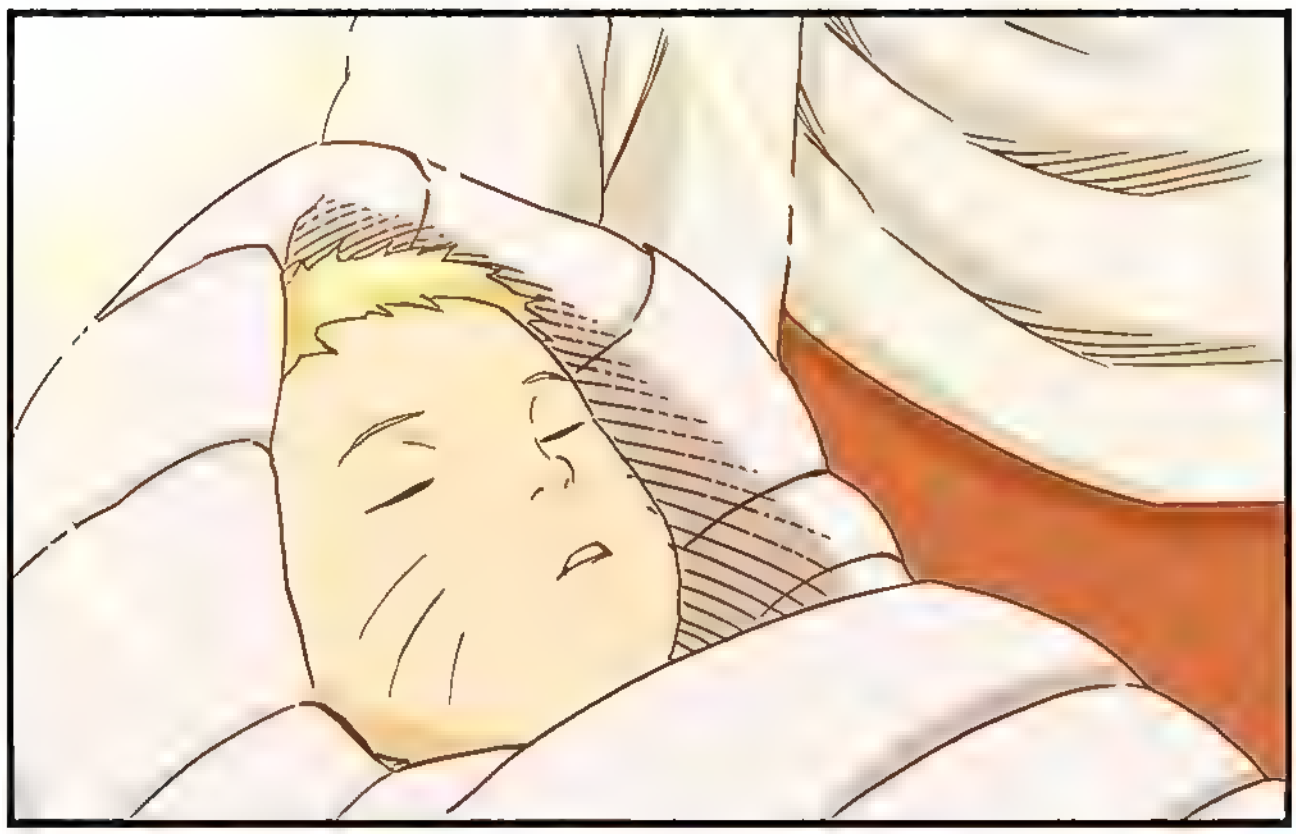

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WHAT CAN A CHILD LIKE YOU DO, EH?

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YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!

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NARUTO!!

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NOW.. IS IS ABOUT TIME?

HE'S TOYING WITH US.. BUT WHY?

NONE OF NARUTO'S JUTSU ARE EVEN CONNECTING.

DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF THE ENEMY, HINATA!

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NARUTO'S FINE!

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A DEATH MESSAGE ...

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HE WROTE IT IN CODE EH,

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THE FROG.. GOT AWAY...
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THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT.. NOW IT'LL END A BIT BETTER I HOPE.

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A STORY OF "THE FROG IN THE WELL KNOWS NOTHING OF THE GREAT OCEAN"... EH.

THE FINAL CHAPTER...

HO HO... JUST BARELY GLORIOUS, BUT GLORIOUS INDEED...

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NOW... IT'S ABOUT TIME I PUT DOWN MY PEN.

WHAT SHOULD I NAME THE SEQUEL?

AAH... THAT'S RIGHT...!

YEAH, LET'S SEE...

"THE TALE OF UZUMAKI NARUTO"...

...YES... THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT...

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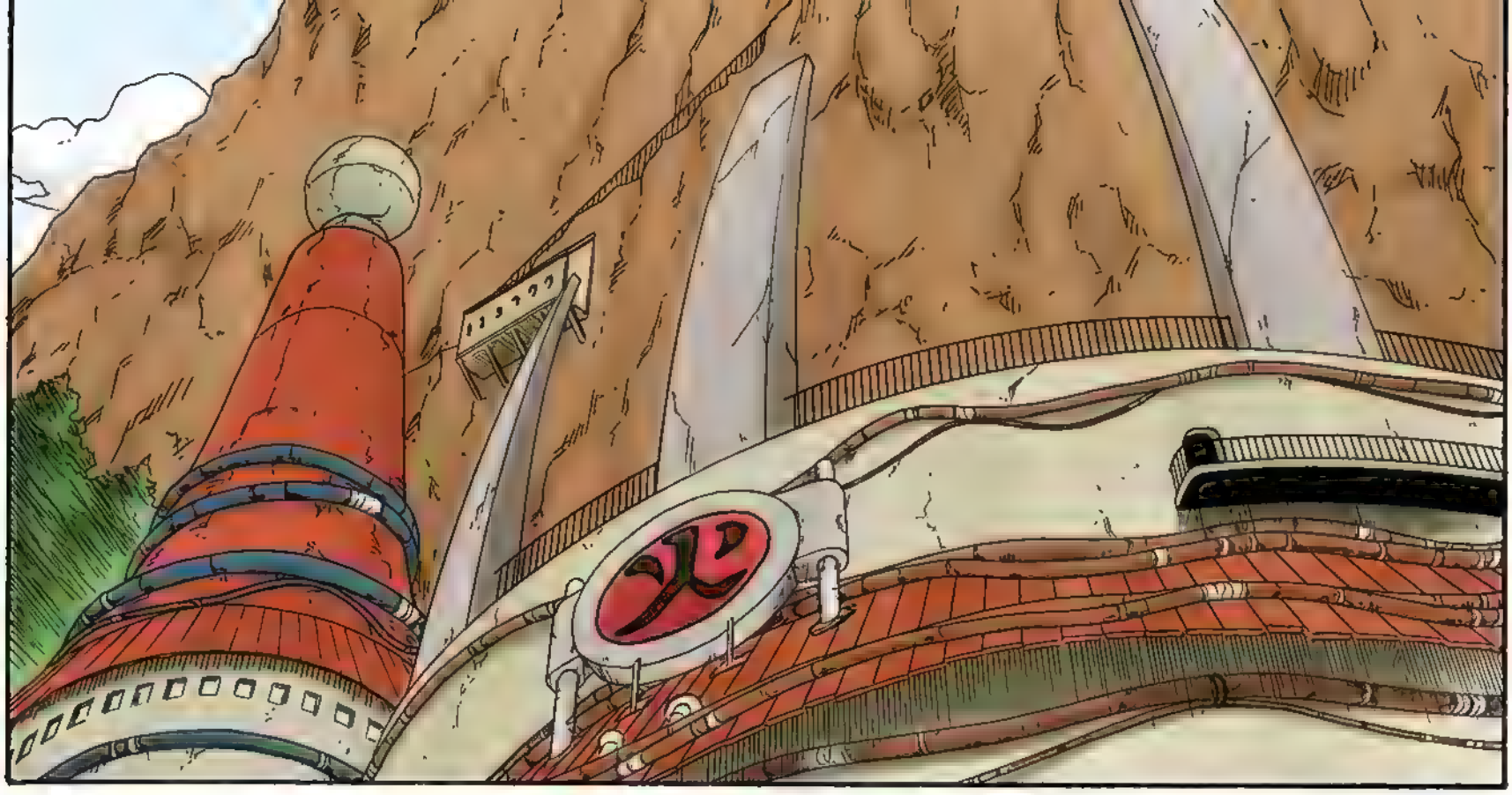

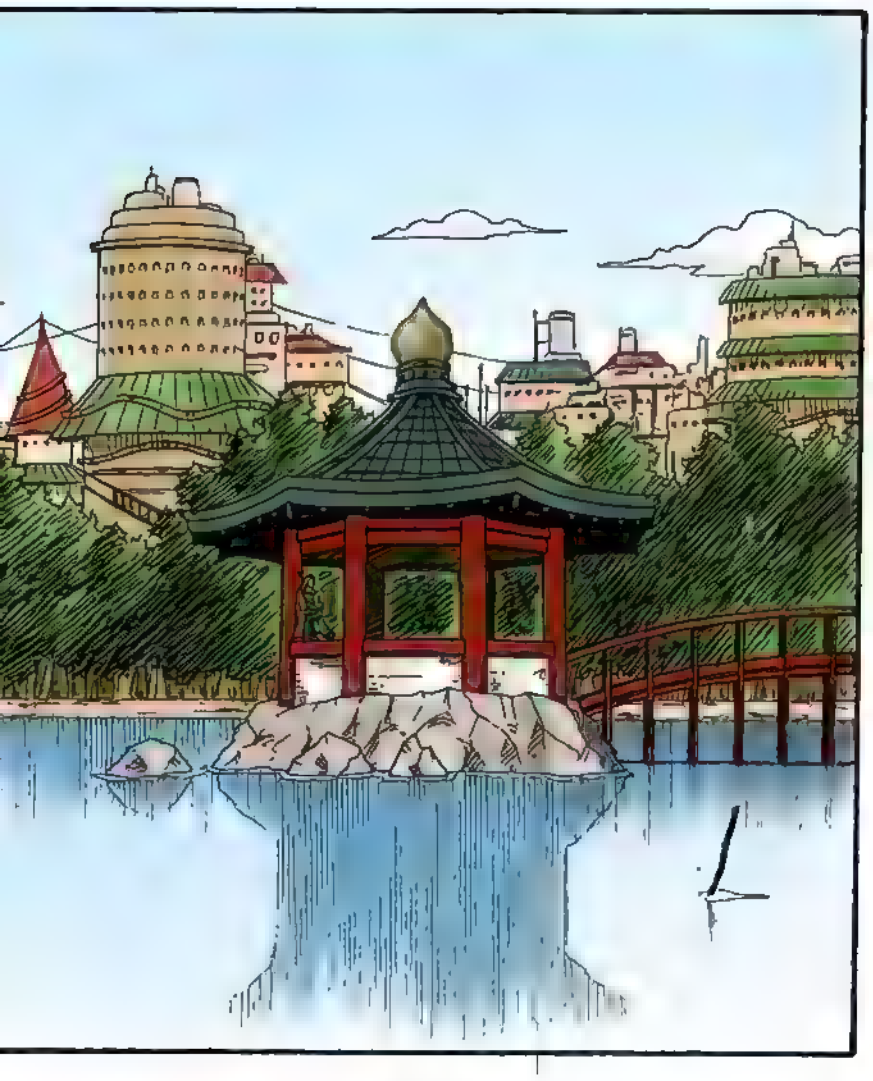

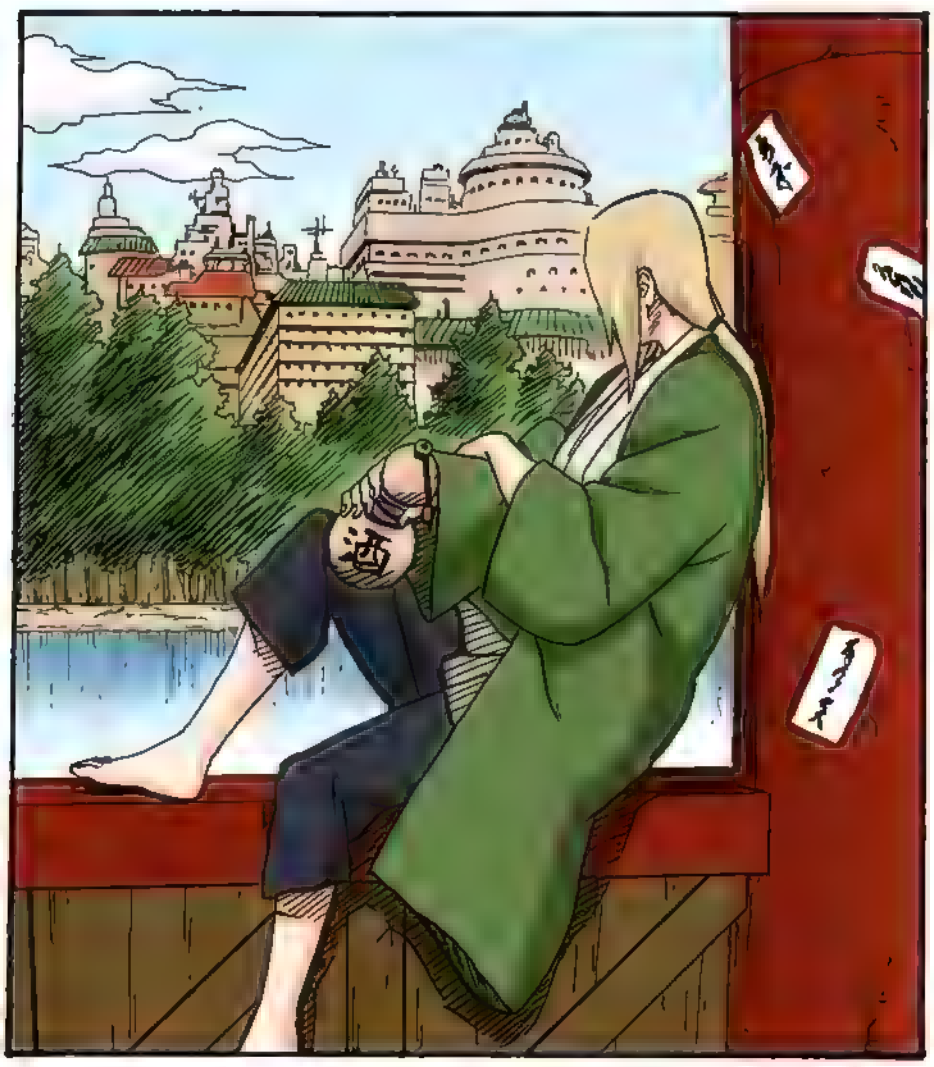

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NARUTO!

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WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU..

NOW, WHAT SHALL WE PLAY NEXT...

...KONOHA FOLK?

OH GOOD...

SHINO, SINCE YOU DIDN'T PARTICIPATE LAST TIME, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO DO SO TODAY!!

WOOF WOOF!

WEV'E GOT TO TRACK SASUKE DOWN ASAP.

THAT'S RIGHT!

FORMA-TION B, FOLKS.

OK, EVERY-ONE..

..LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

BONDS.. HUH.

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Y-YES, SIR!

YEAH!!

YES, SIR!

ROGER!!

JIRAIYA OF THE LEGENDARY THREE.. ACTUALLY DEAD..

..WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOUR-SELF?

..BUT OTHER-WISE..

LET US MAKE SURE TO EXTOL OUR FORMER TEACHER'S PRAISES.

IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS SECRET OF OURS, WE COULDN'T HAVE WON...

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MADARA HAD ORDERED ME TO HUNT NINE TAILS.

WHAT AN INTER-RUPTION.

HIS OPPONENT WAS THAT JIRAIYA.

ZWOO...

SURE TOOK YOU A WHILE.

NO! I'M GOING TO GO SEE A DIFFERENT BATTLE!

WELL THEN, I'D LOVE TO WATCH YOU HUNT NINE TAILS, SO LET'S GO TOGETHER...

YOU'LL SEE..

SHUT UP!

WHAT?!

WHICH OTHER BATTLE?

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ME, DEAD AT YOUR FEET, EH...

WELL THEN...

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...LET'S
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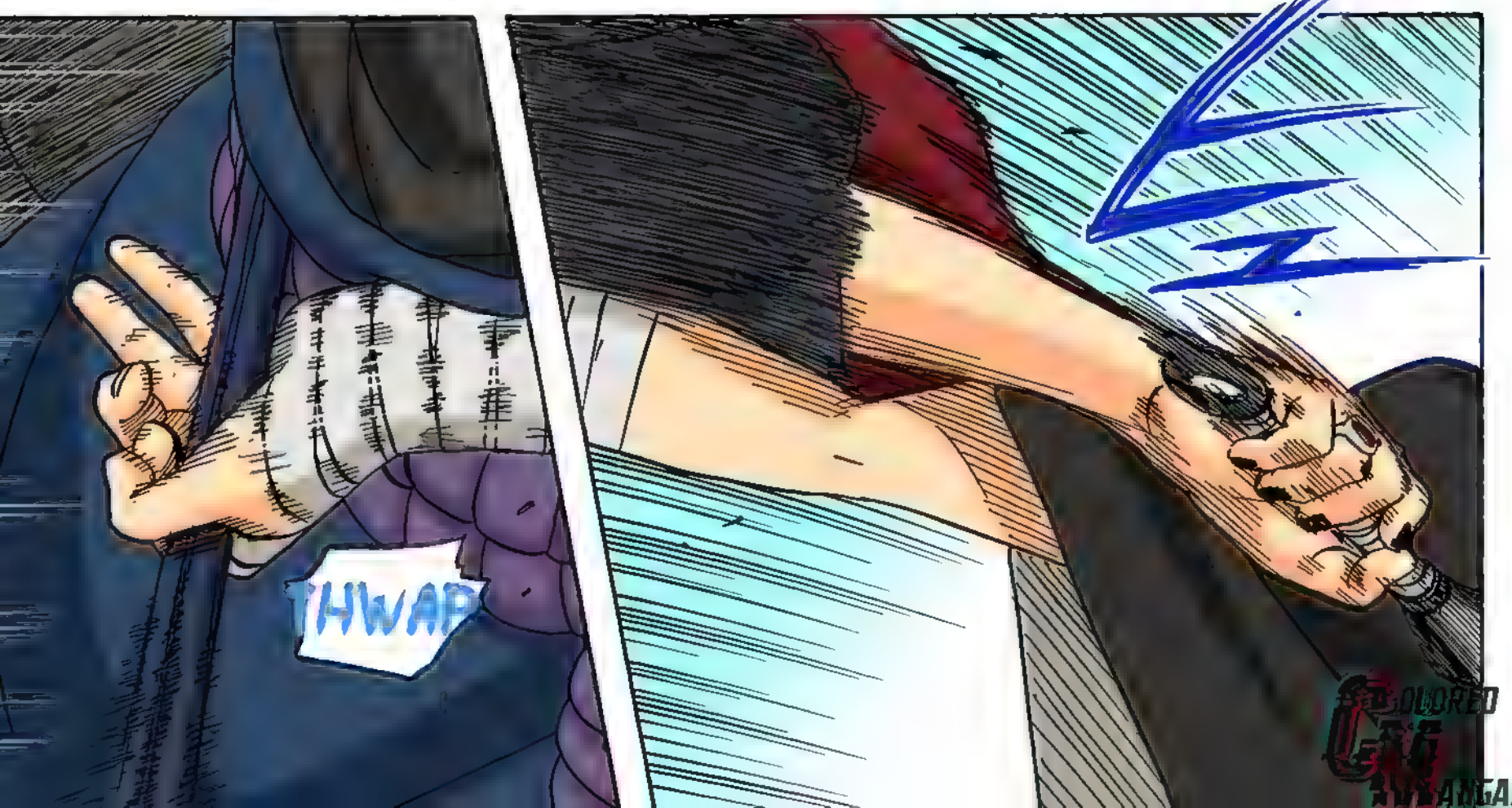

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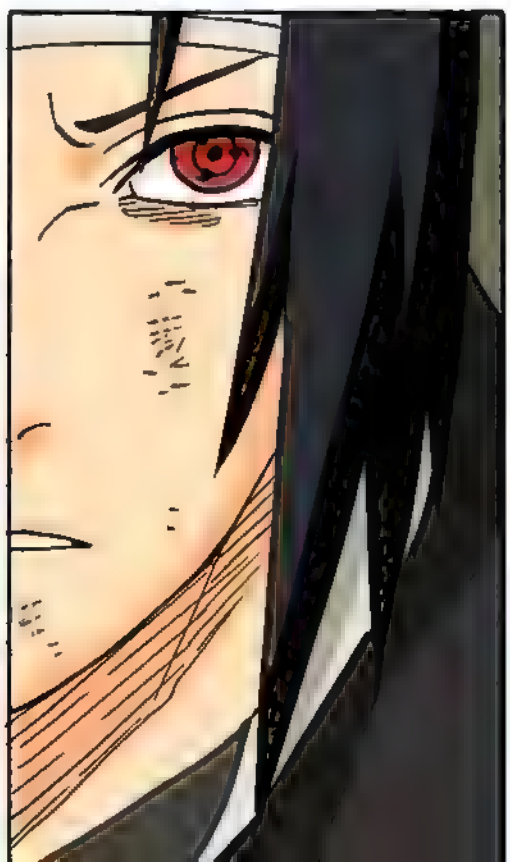

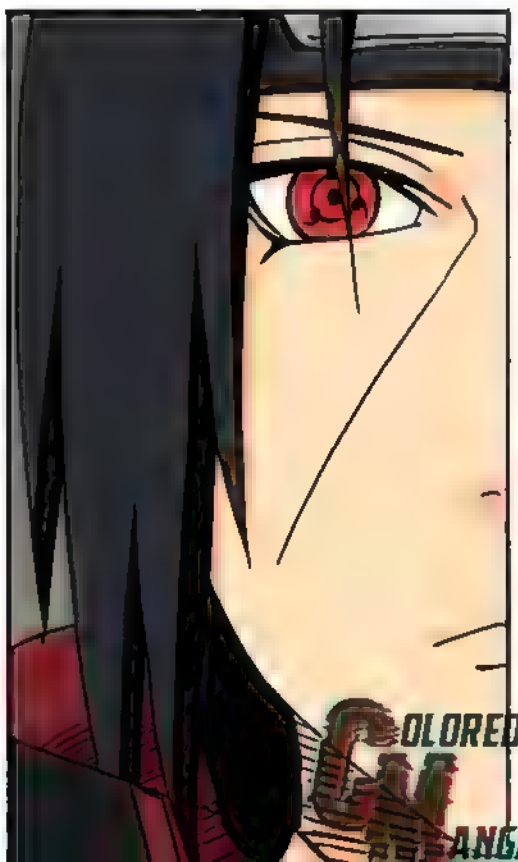
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CHIDORI STREAM !!!

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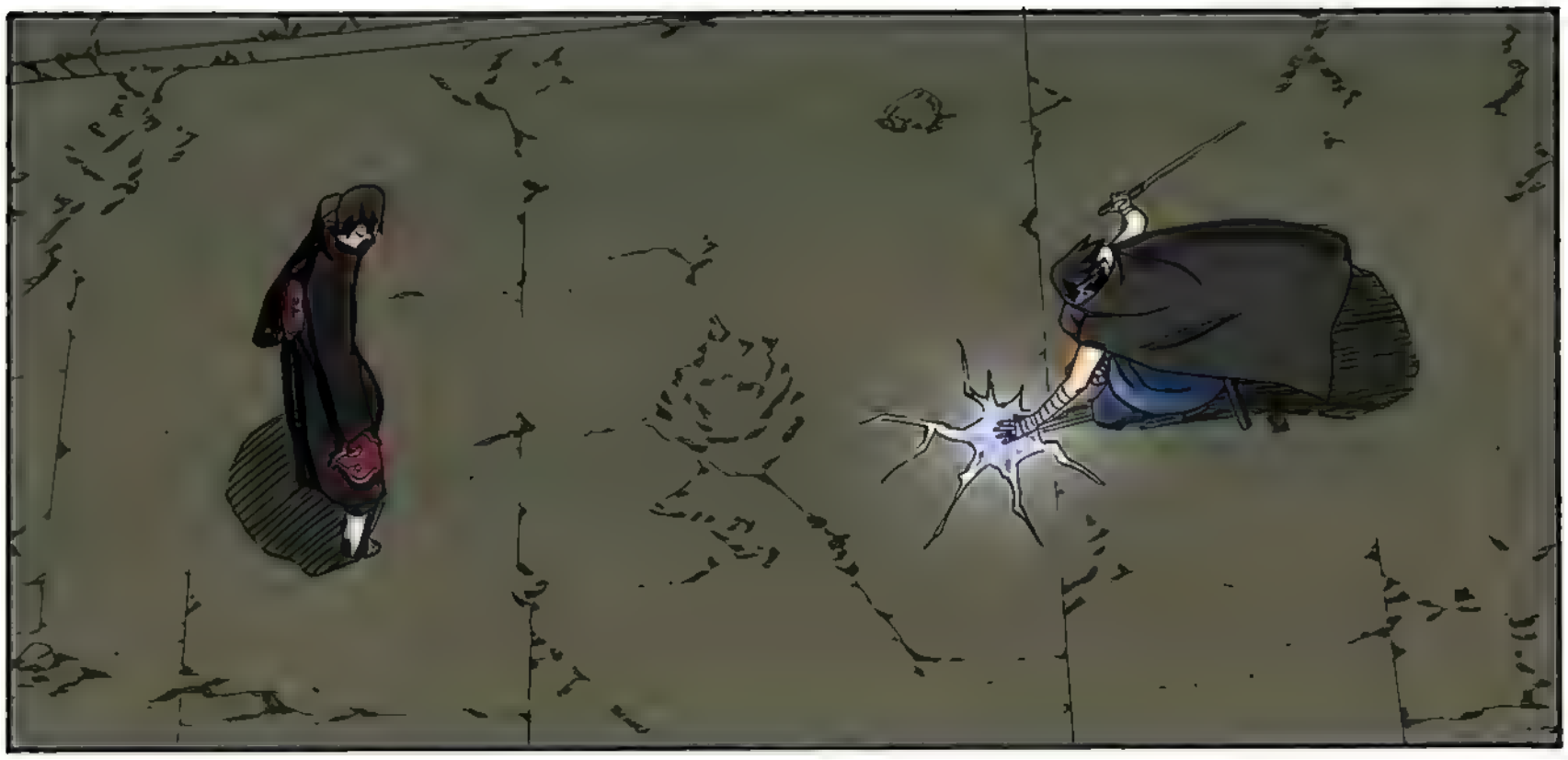

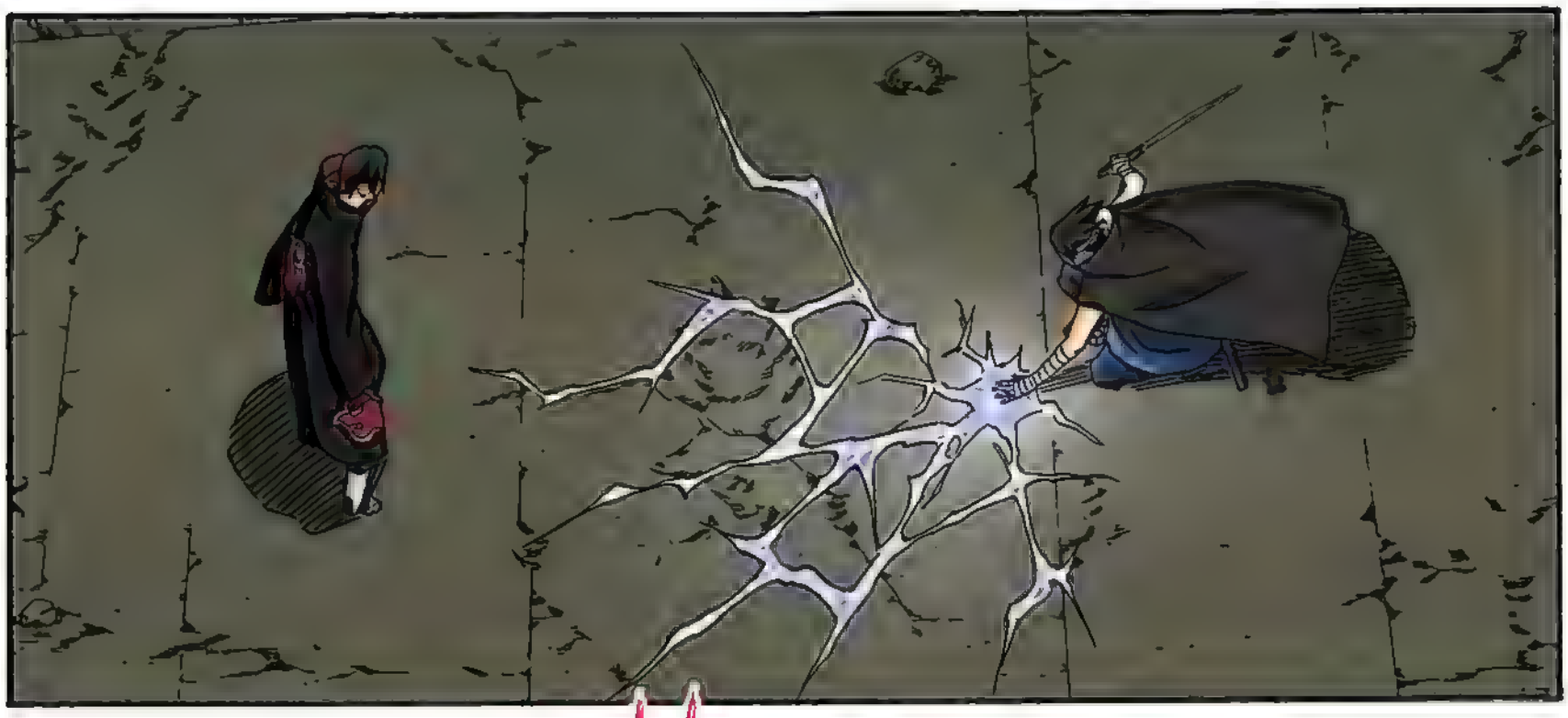

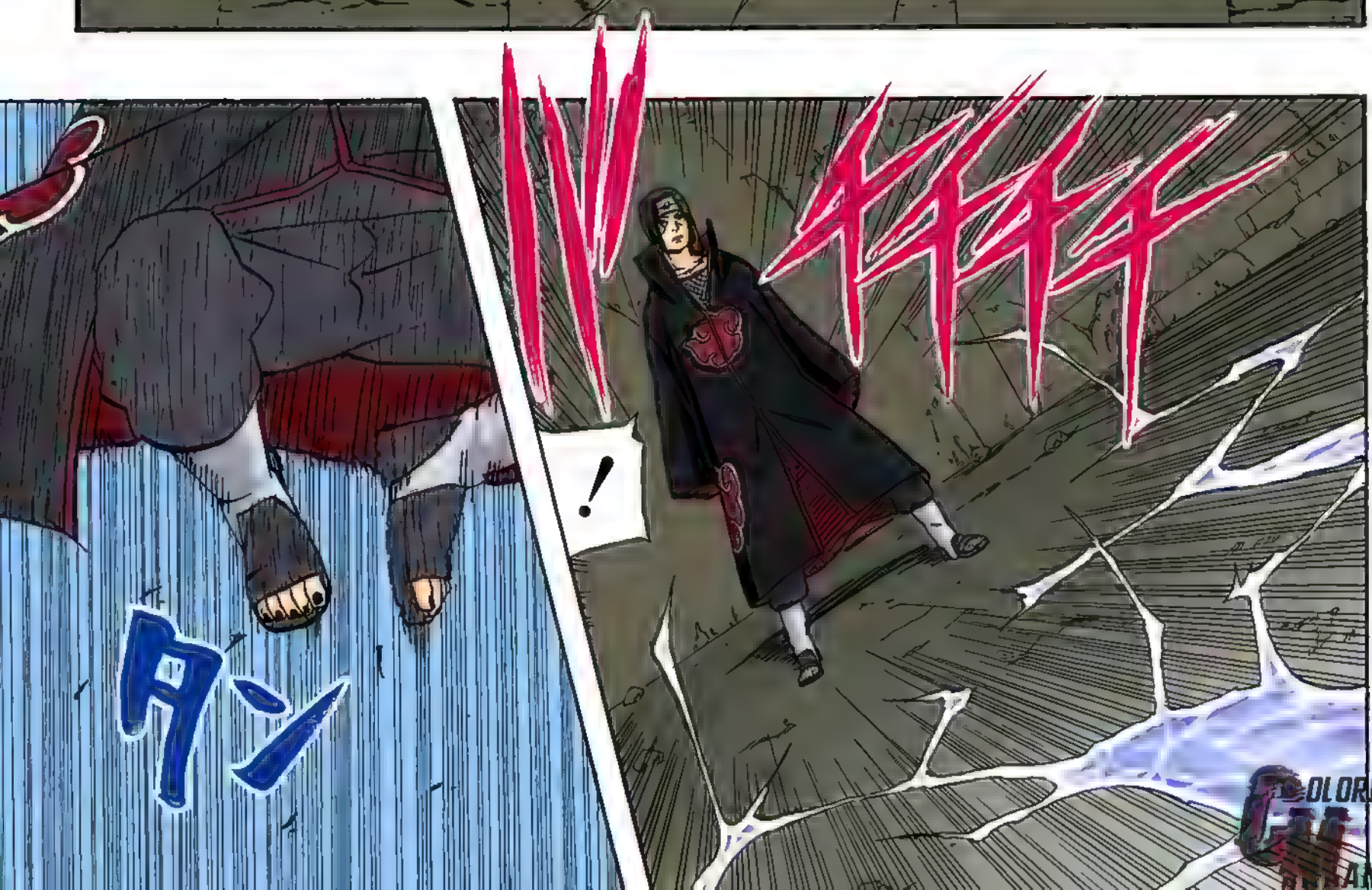

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YOU'VE GOTTEN STRONGER ...

...I HAVE ONE LAST THING TO ASK.

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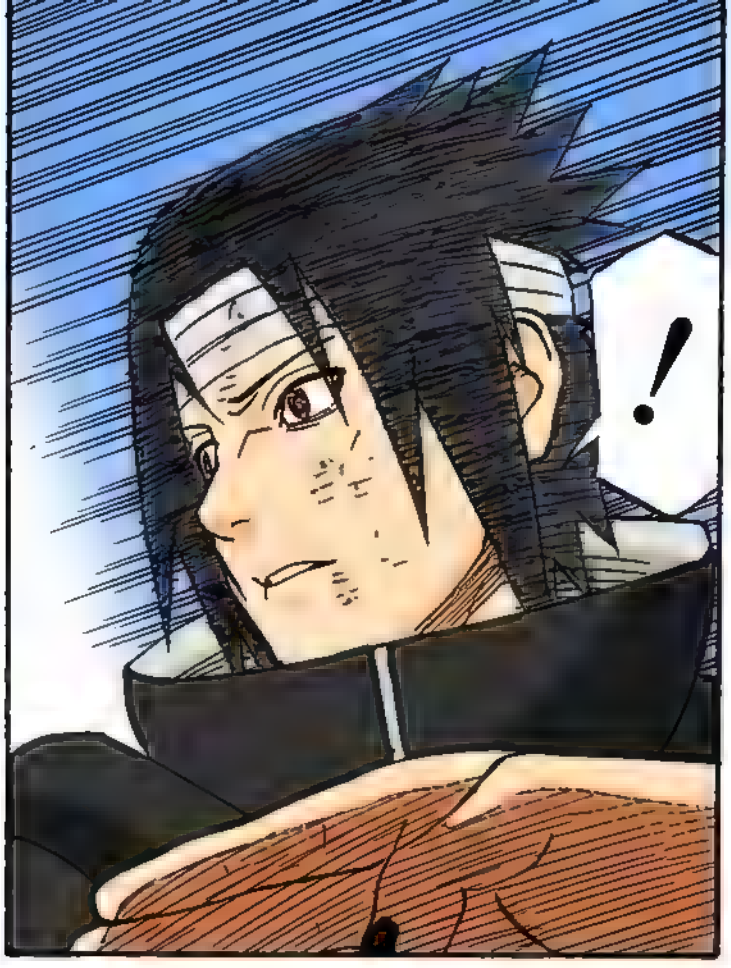

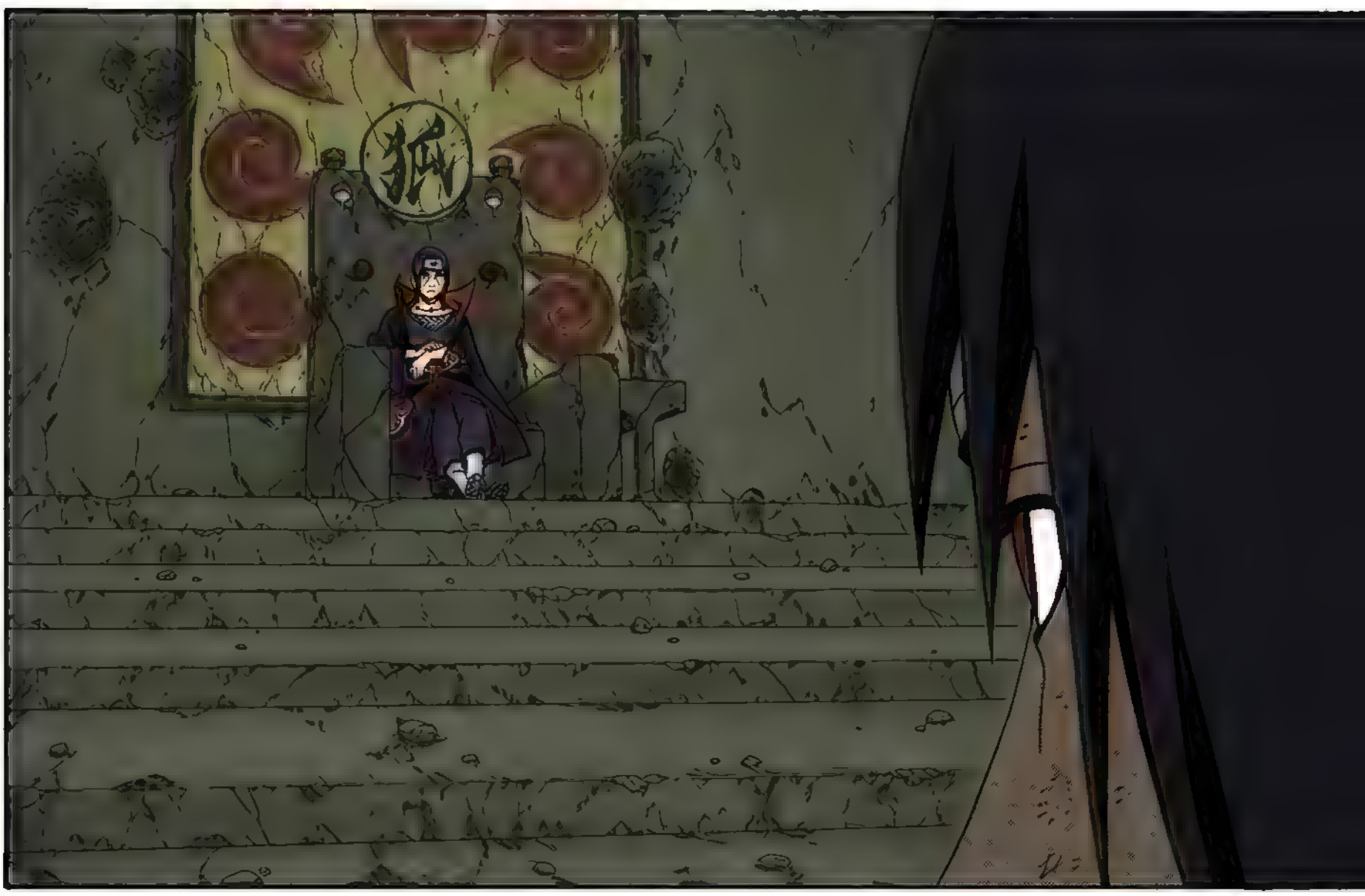

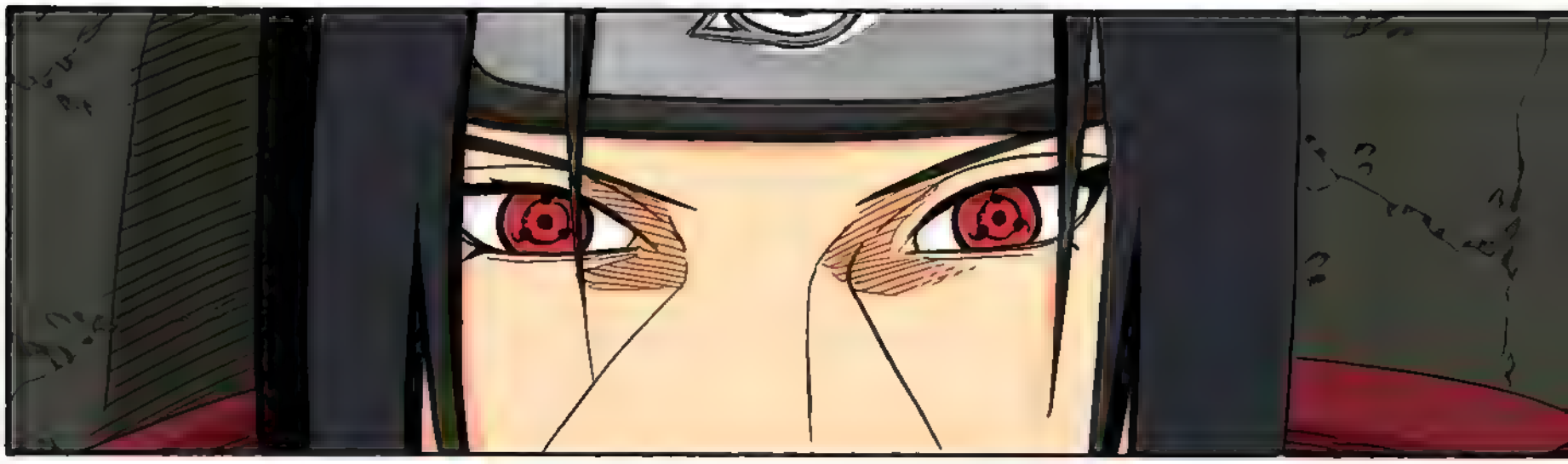

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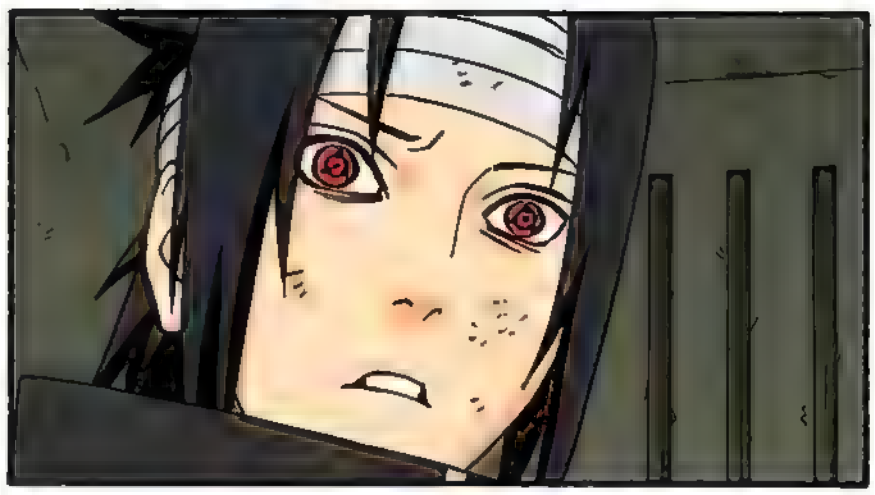

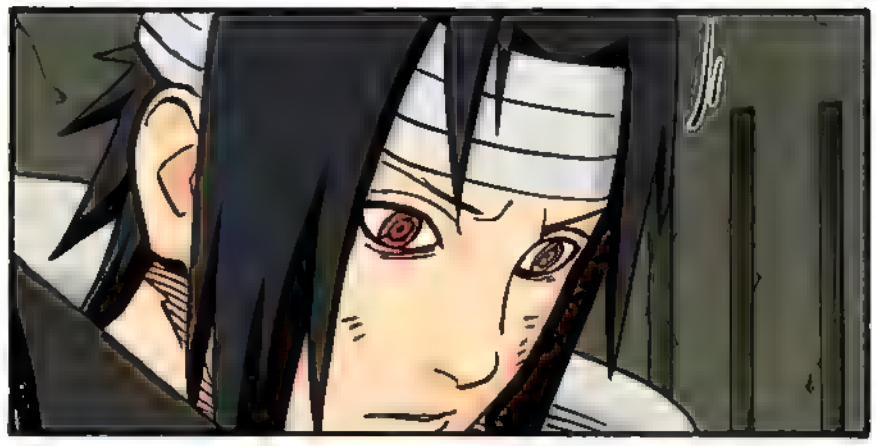

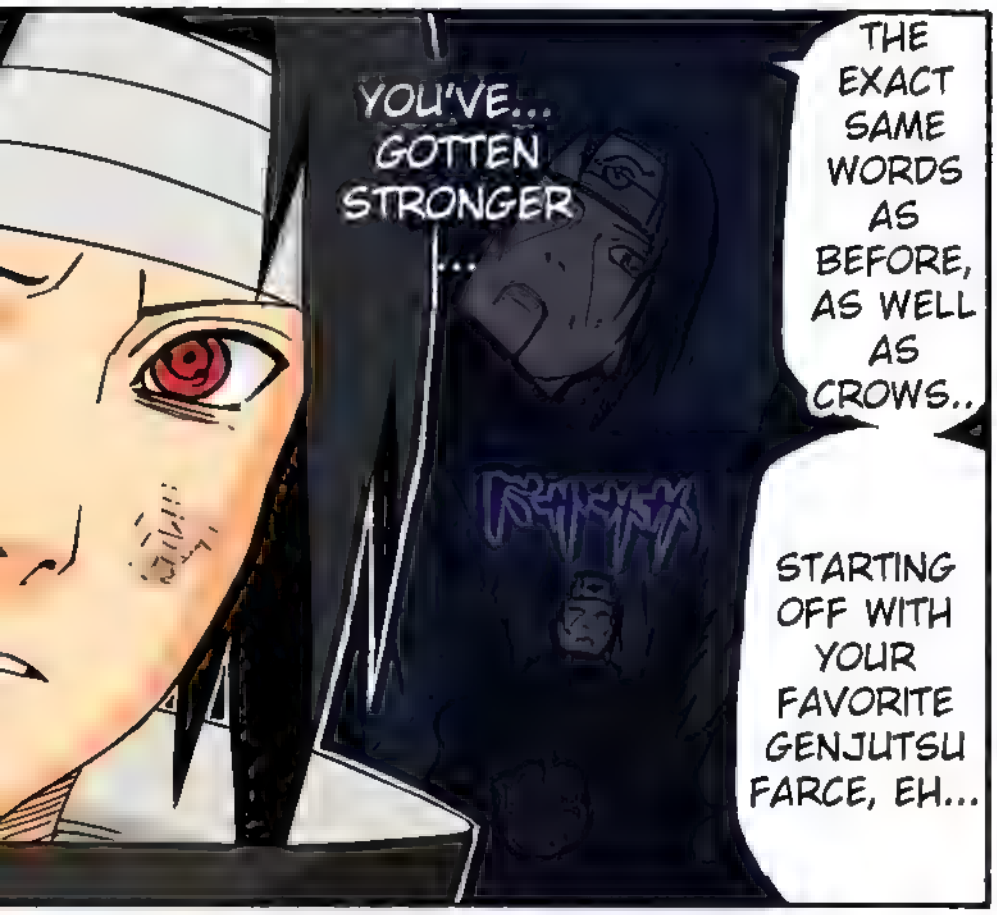

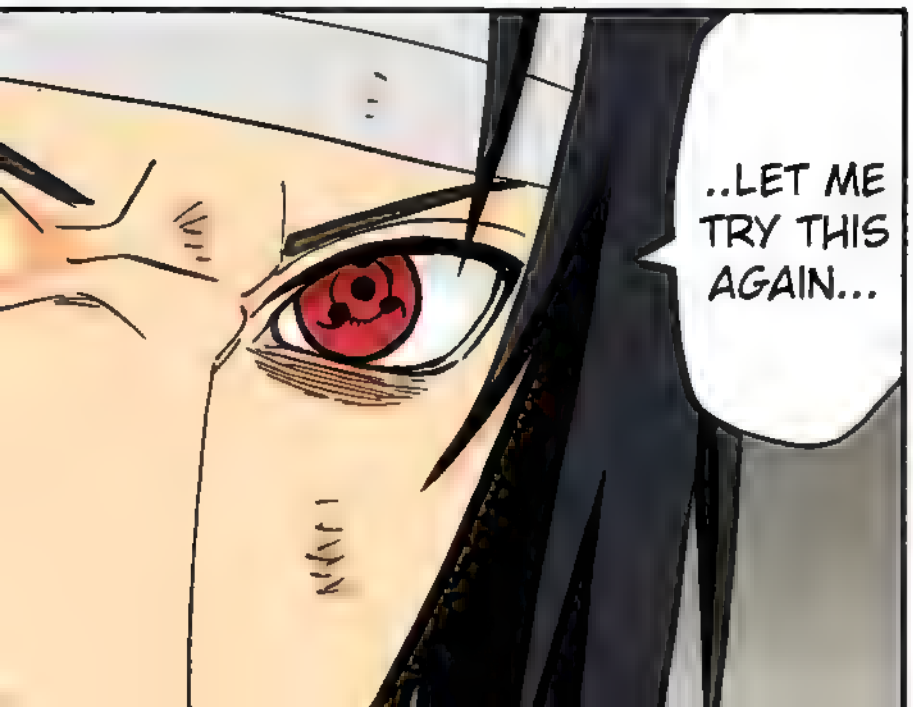

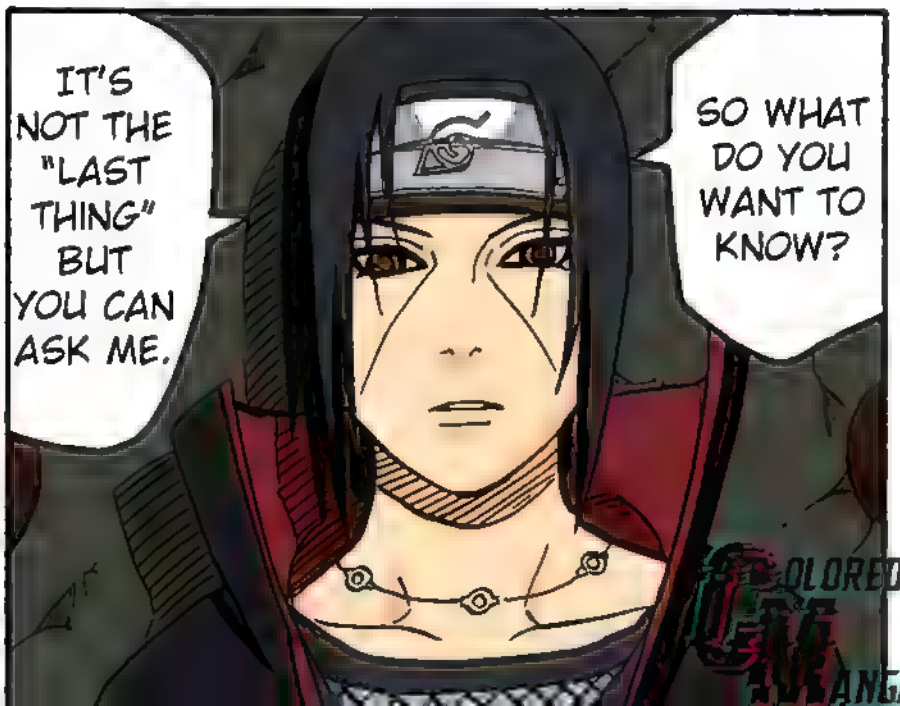

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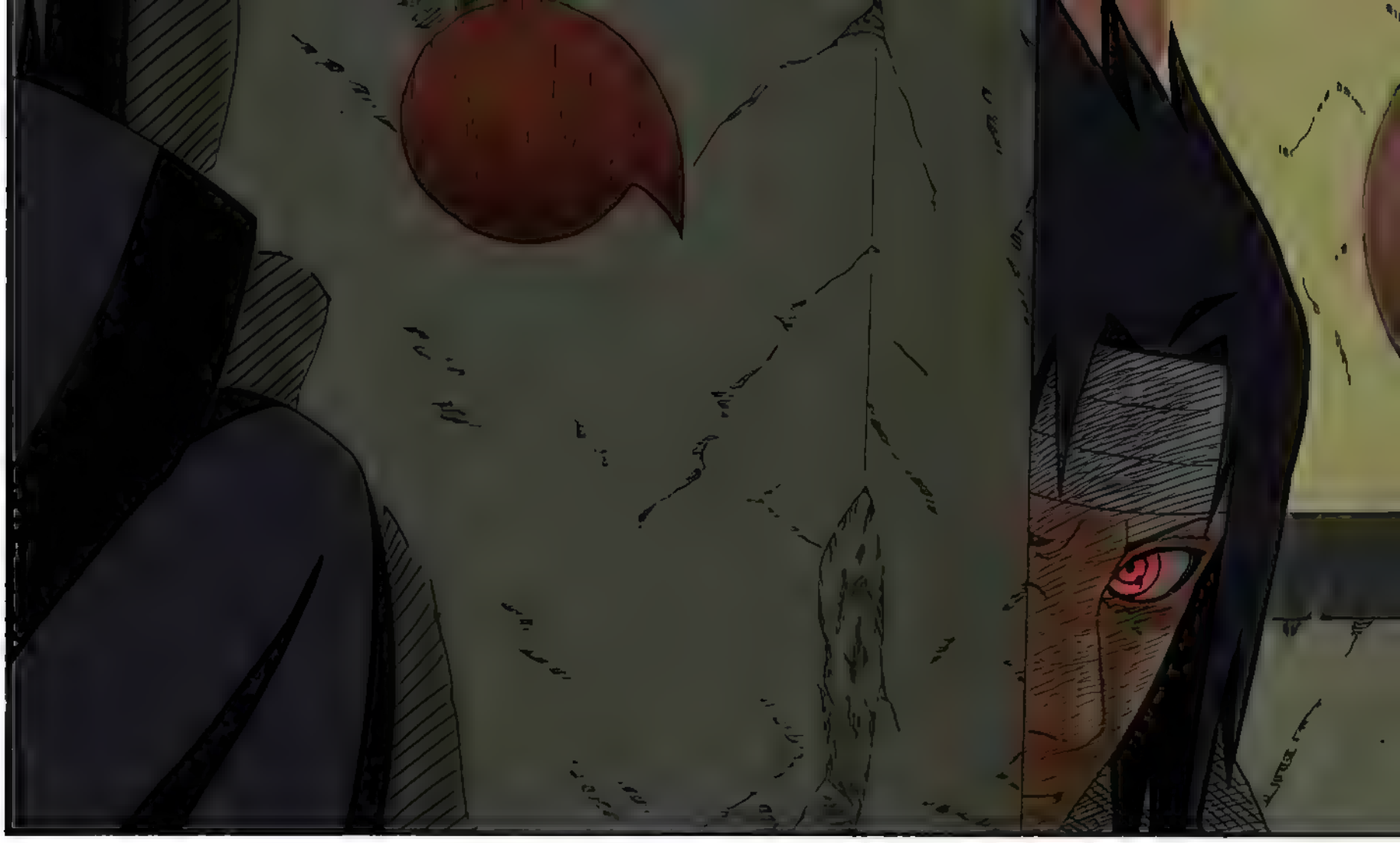

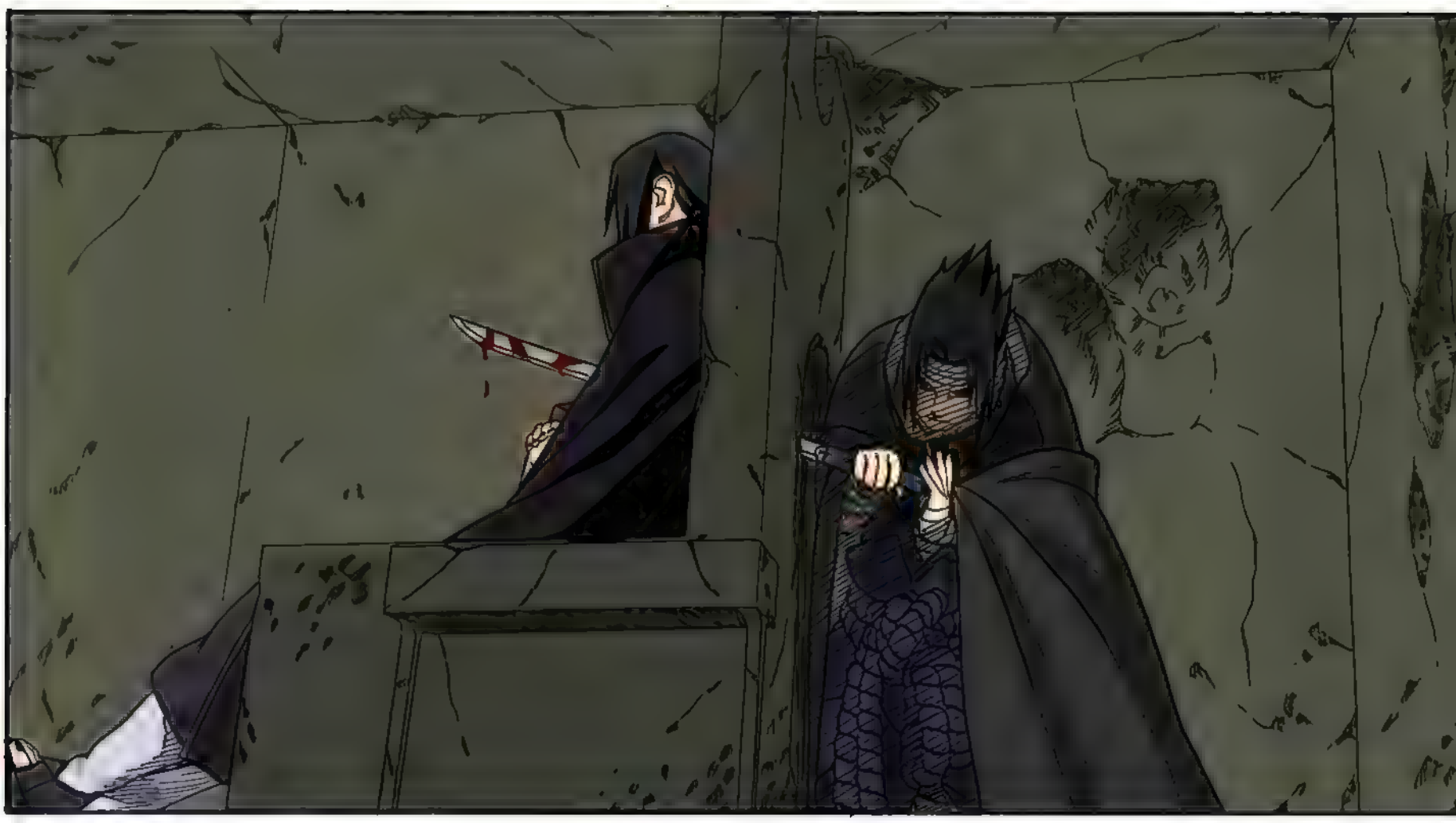

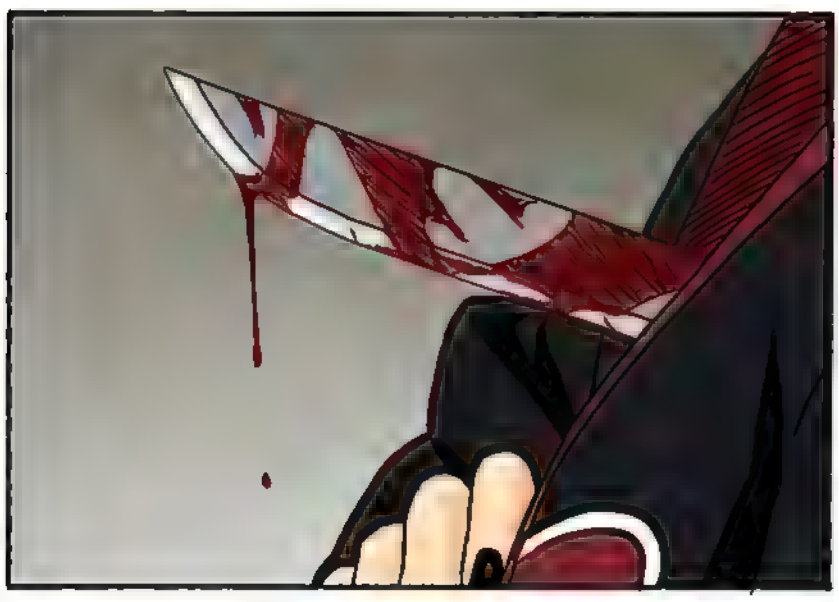

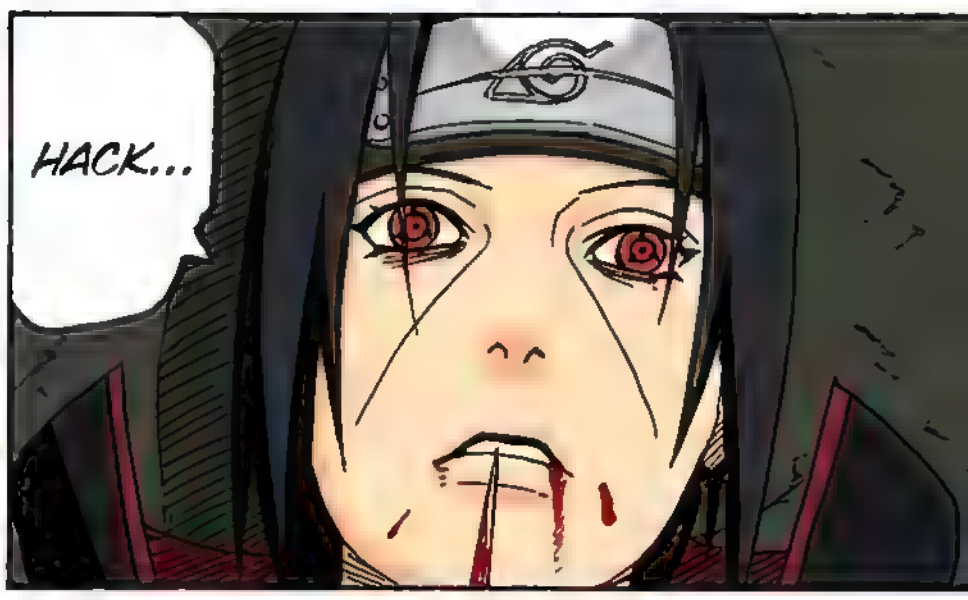

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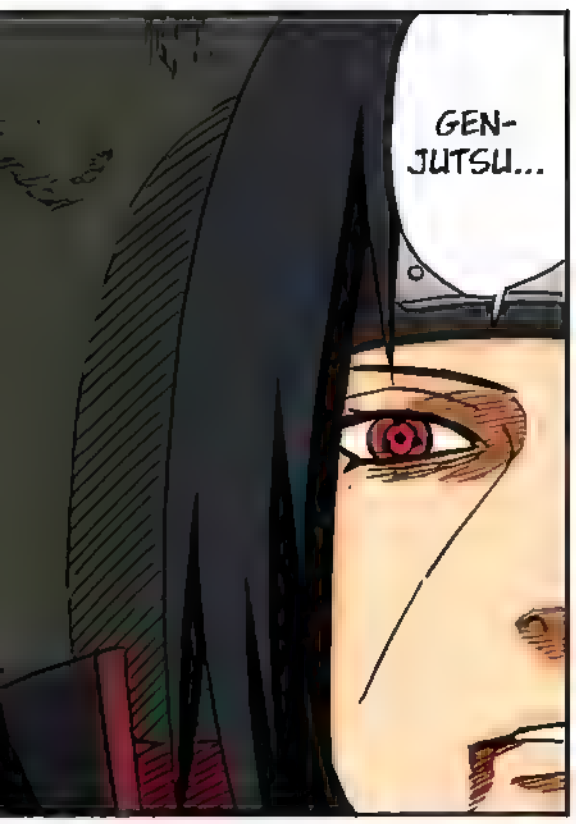

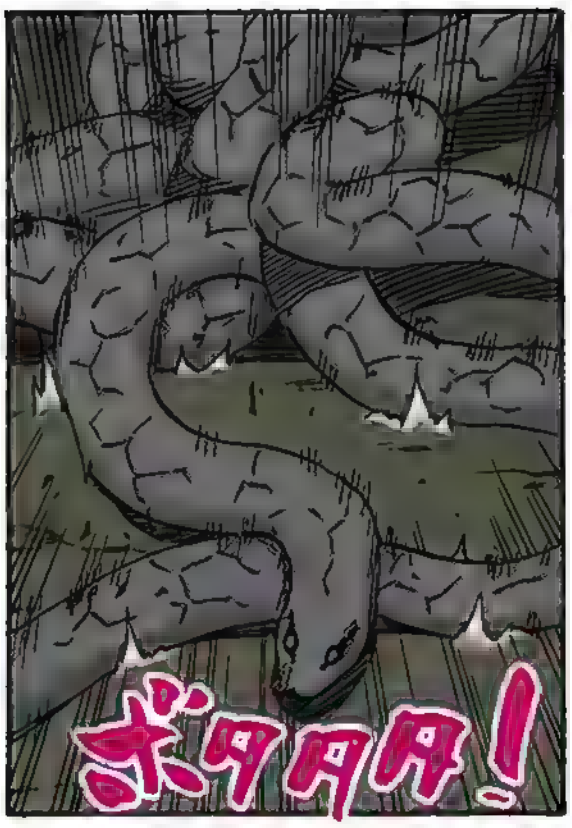

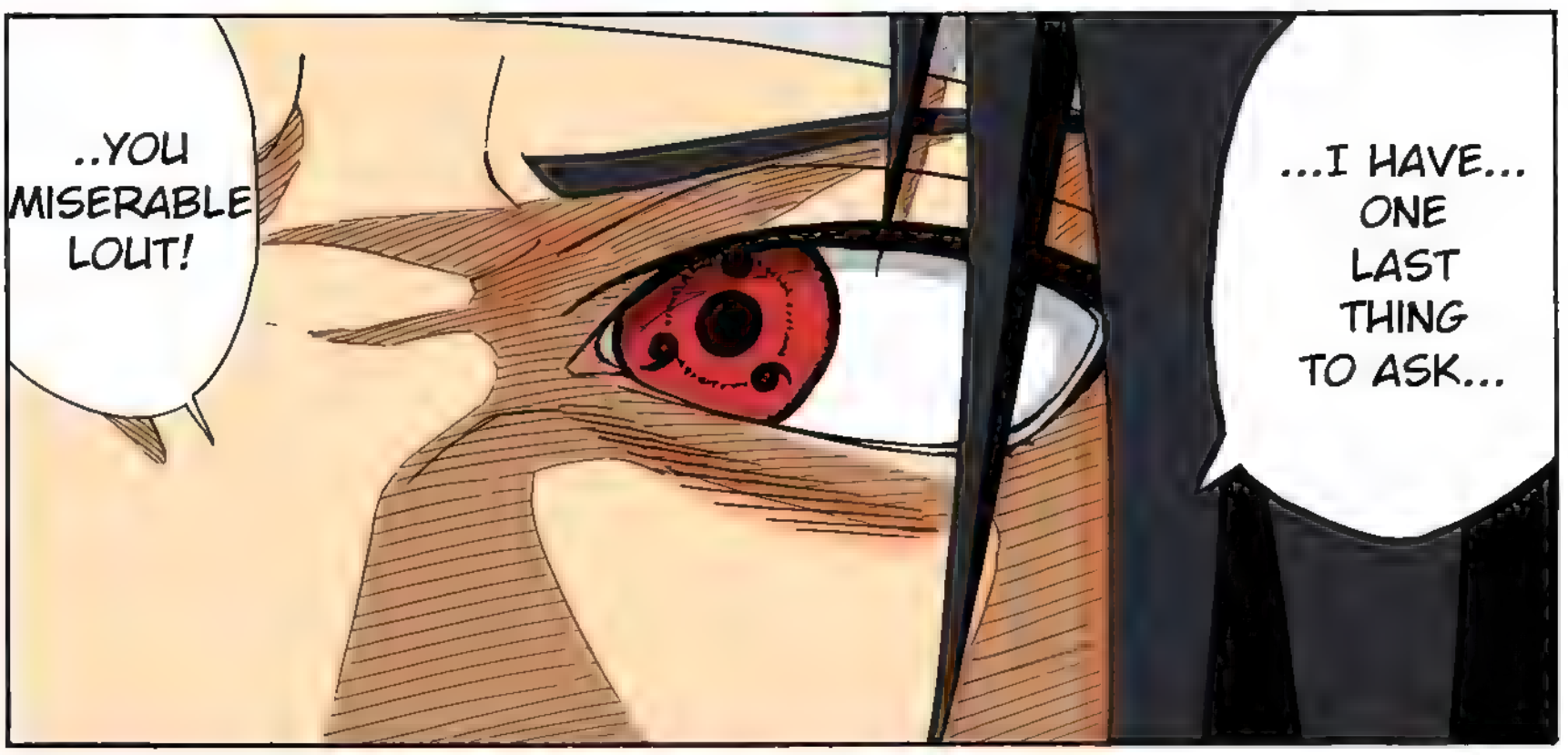

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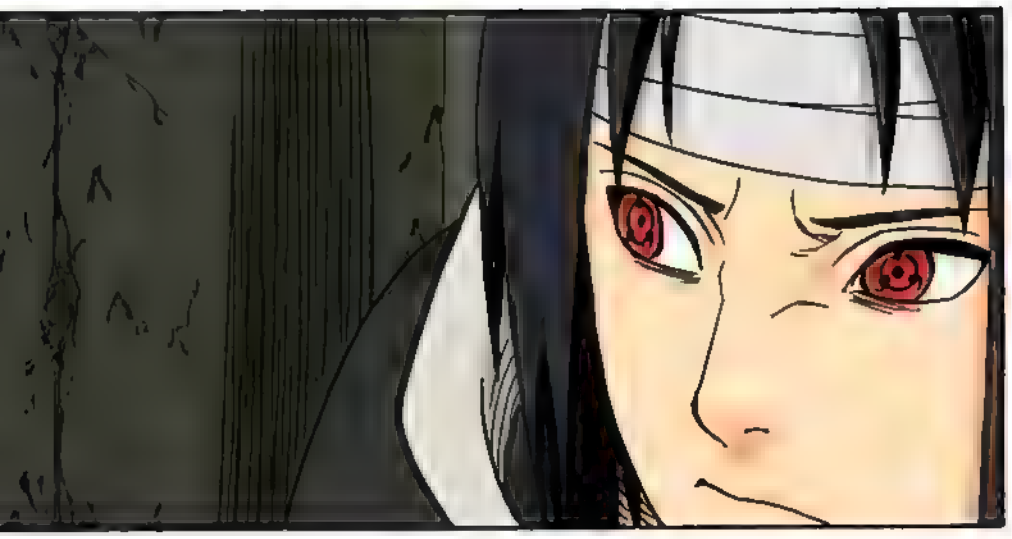

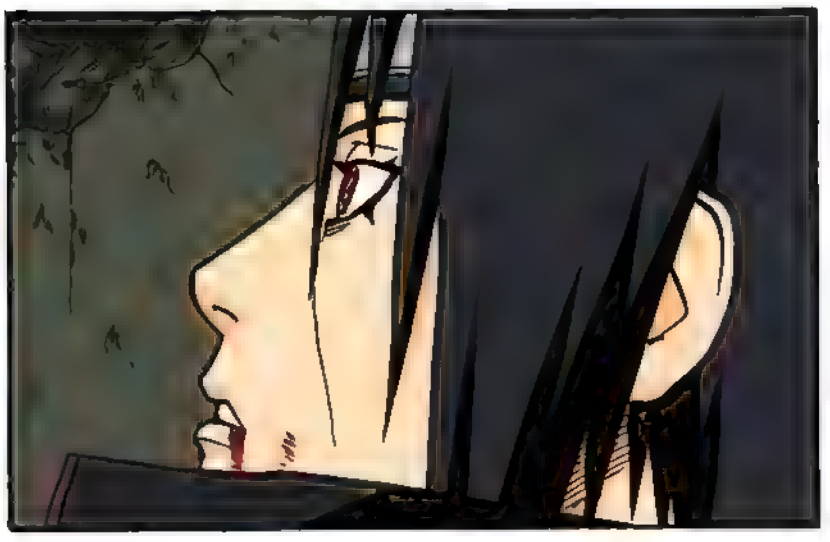

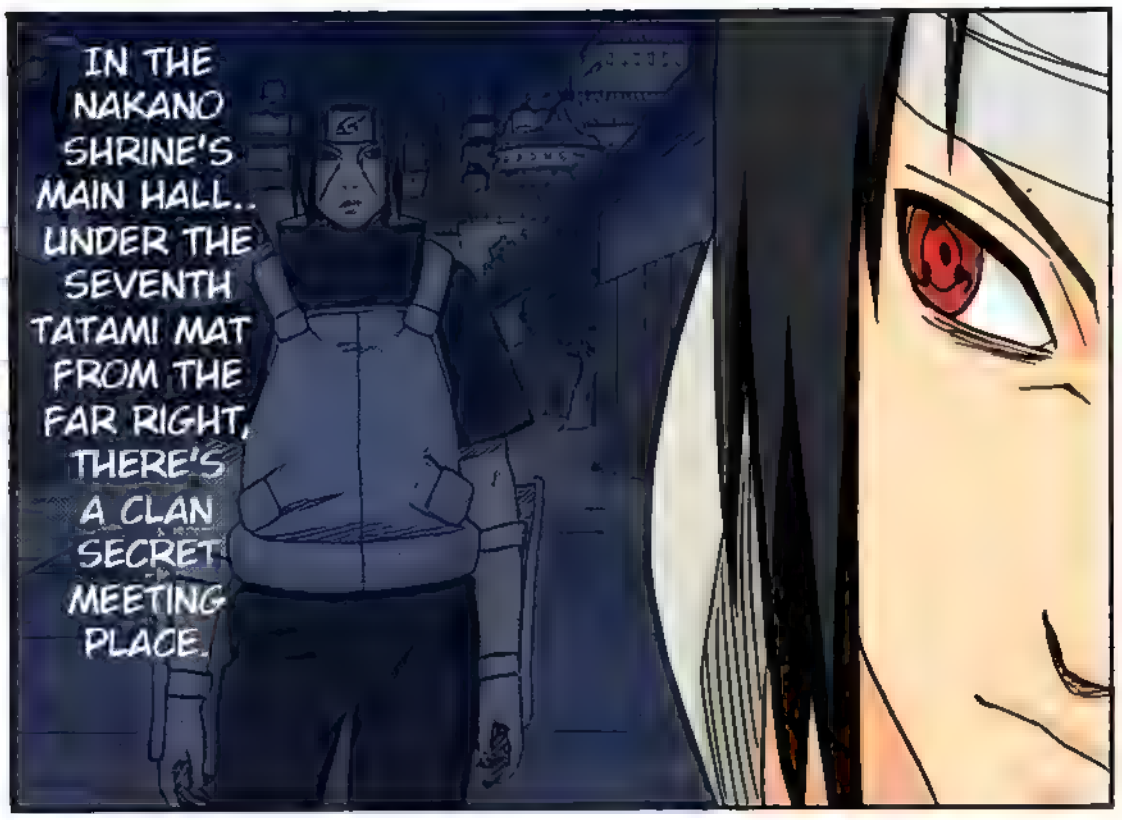

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..THEN THERE WILL BE THREE ALIVE WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

THE TRUTH IS WRITTEN THERE.

...THEN I WILL BE RIGHT IN LETTING YOU LIVE.

IF THAT HAPPENS ...

..YOU DELIBER-ATELY.. AVOIDED A VITAL SPOT, HUH...

ANSWER MY QUESTION.

OR ELSE THE PAIN IN YOUR CHEST WILL CONTINUE TO GROW UNABATED.

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WHO IS IT...?

..WHO ELSE HAS THE MANGEKYO..

..AND IS THE THIRD LIVING UCHIHA?

WHY.. DO YOU EVEN HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HIM?

.....

KILL HIM?

...THAT'S WHY.

WELL, AFTER I DEAL WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO KILL HIM NEXT...

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BACK WHEN YOU SLAUGHTERED OUR CLAN, YOU MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF ONE OTHER...

THE OTHER UCHIHA YOU DIDN'T KILL... MUST HAVE BEEN A COLLABORATOR..

..SO YOU DID NOTICE.

FOR NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU WERE YOU COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN DOWN THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE BY YOURSELF.

WHO IS IT?

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UCHIHA MADARA.

YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND THAT VILE CHAKRA YOU EXUDE...

...AND THE MAN WHO FIRST AWAKENED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF KONO-HAGAKURE ...

....REMIND ME OF UCHIHA MADARA...

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ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME?!

FOUNDER ...?

THEN HOW COULD HE STILL BE ALIVE?!

QUIT JOKING AROUND!

WETHER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT IS YOUR CHOICE.

...MADARA IS ALIVE.

WE ALL LIVE INSIDE OUR OWN FANTASIES, DON'T YOU THINK?

HOWEVER BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ARE EQUIVOCAL. ONE'S REALITY MIGHT BE ANOTHER'S ILLUSION.

...EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US GOES THROUGH LIFE DEPENDING ON AND BOUND BY OUR INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS.

AND WE CALL IT REALITY.

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..IS JUST YOUR ARBITRARY ASSUMPTION.

THAT YOU THINKING MADARA IS DEAD..

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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

..I WAS YOUR KIND AND GENTLE OLDER BROTHER.

JUST LIKE HOW YOU USED TO THINK..

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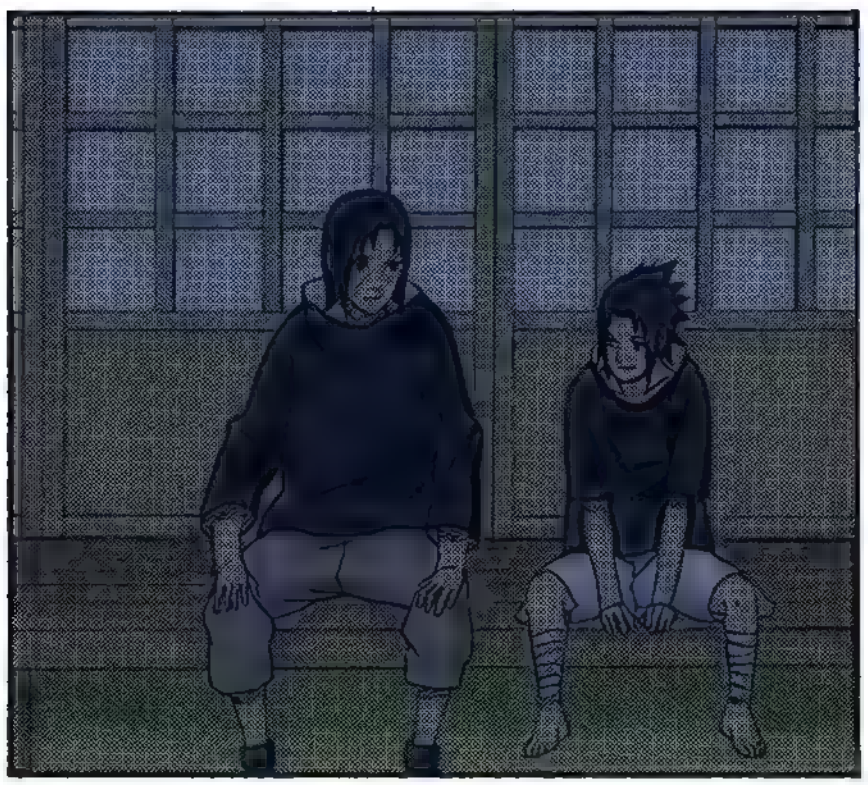

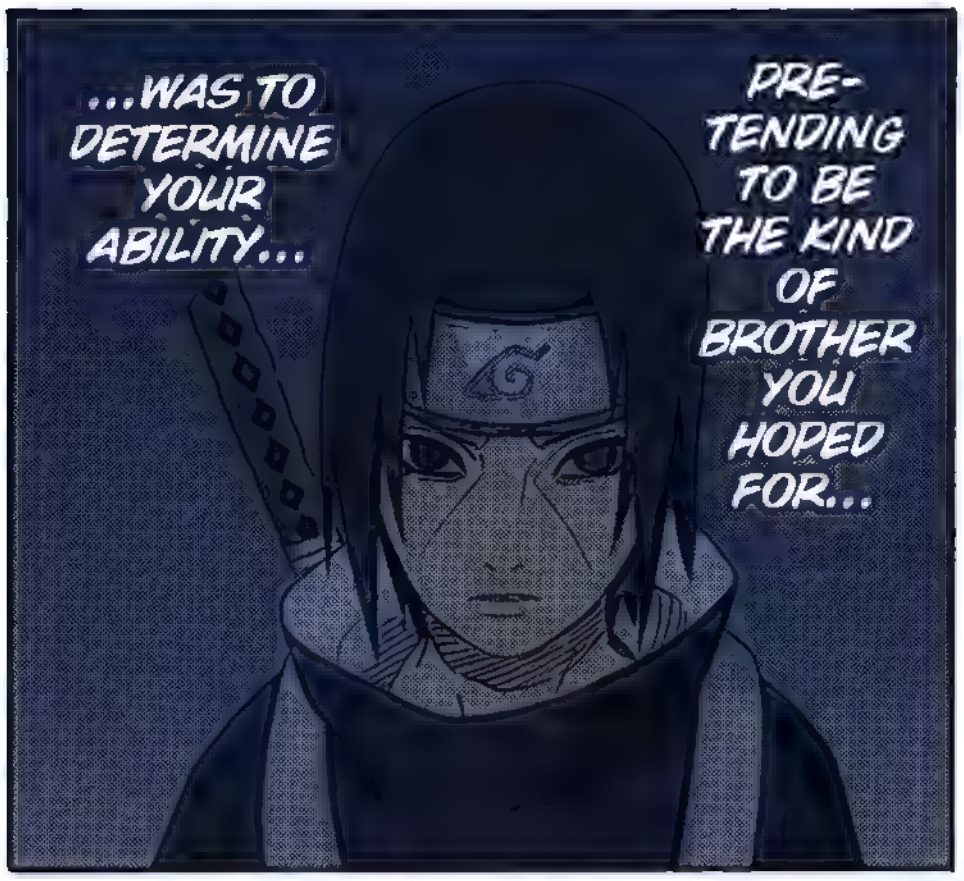

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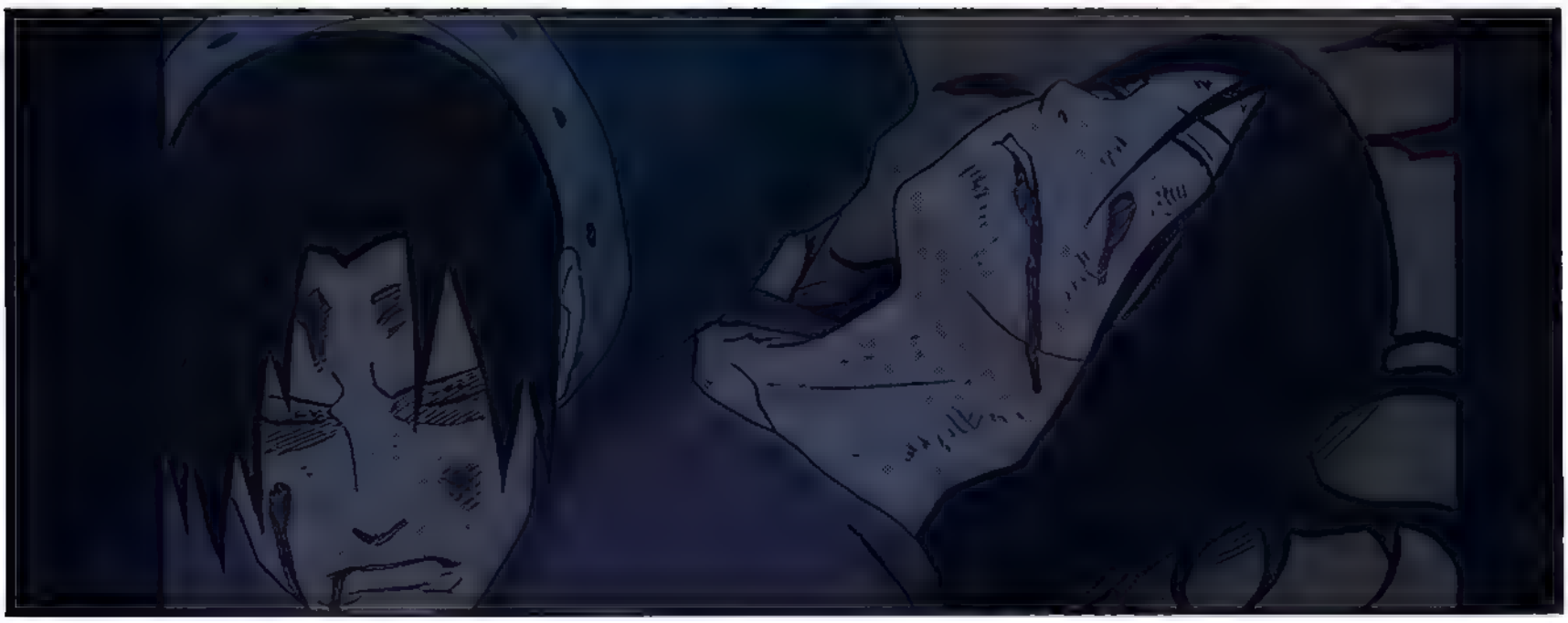
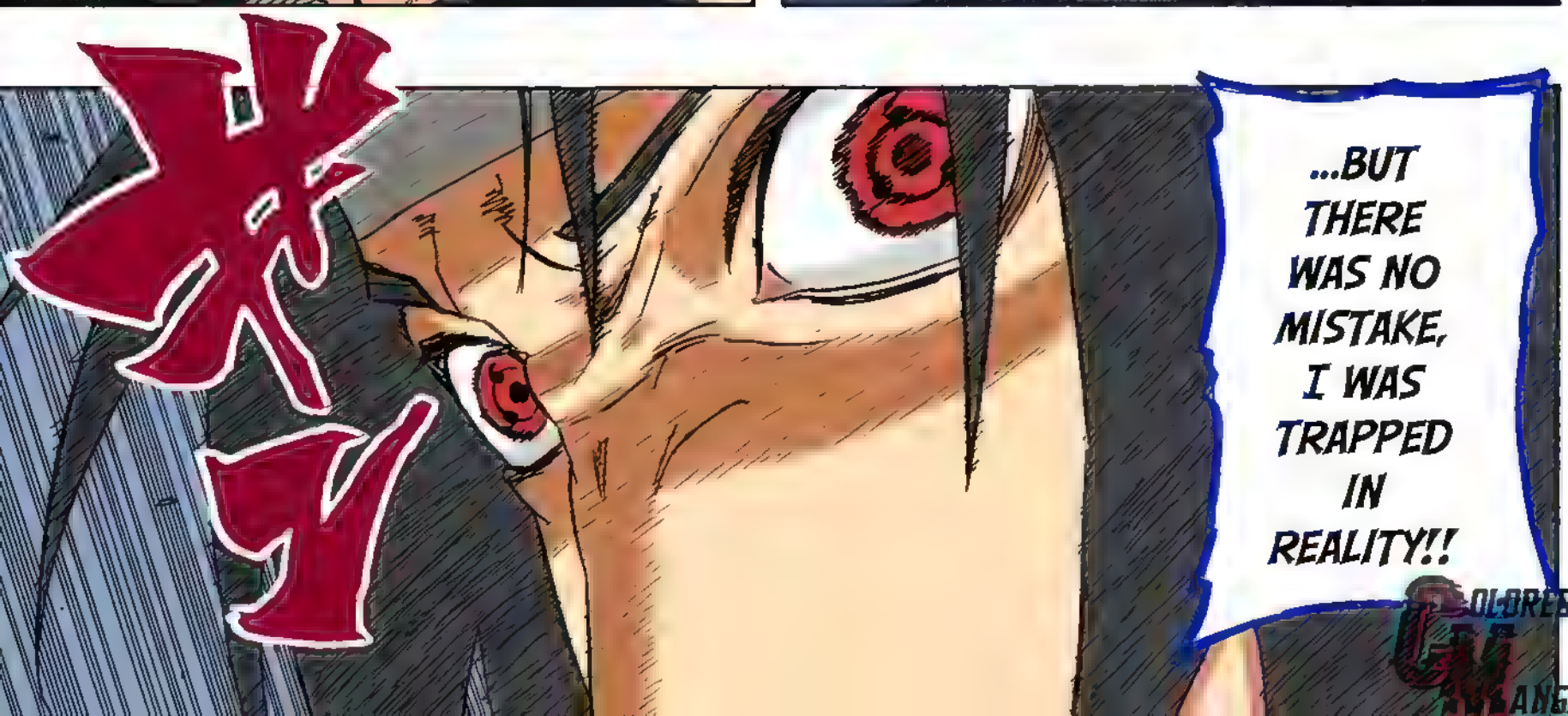


I DESPERATELY WANTED TO BELIEVE I WAS TRAPPED IN A HORRIBLE GENJUTSU...

THE EVENTS OF THAT NIGHT.. THE YOUNG ME AT FIRST COULD ONLY COMPREHEND AND PROCESS IT AS A MIRAGE.



...BUT THERE WAS NO MISTAKE, I WAS TRAPPED IN REALITY!!

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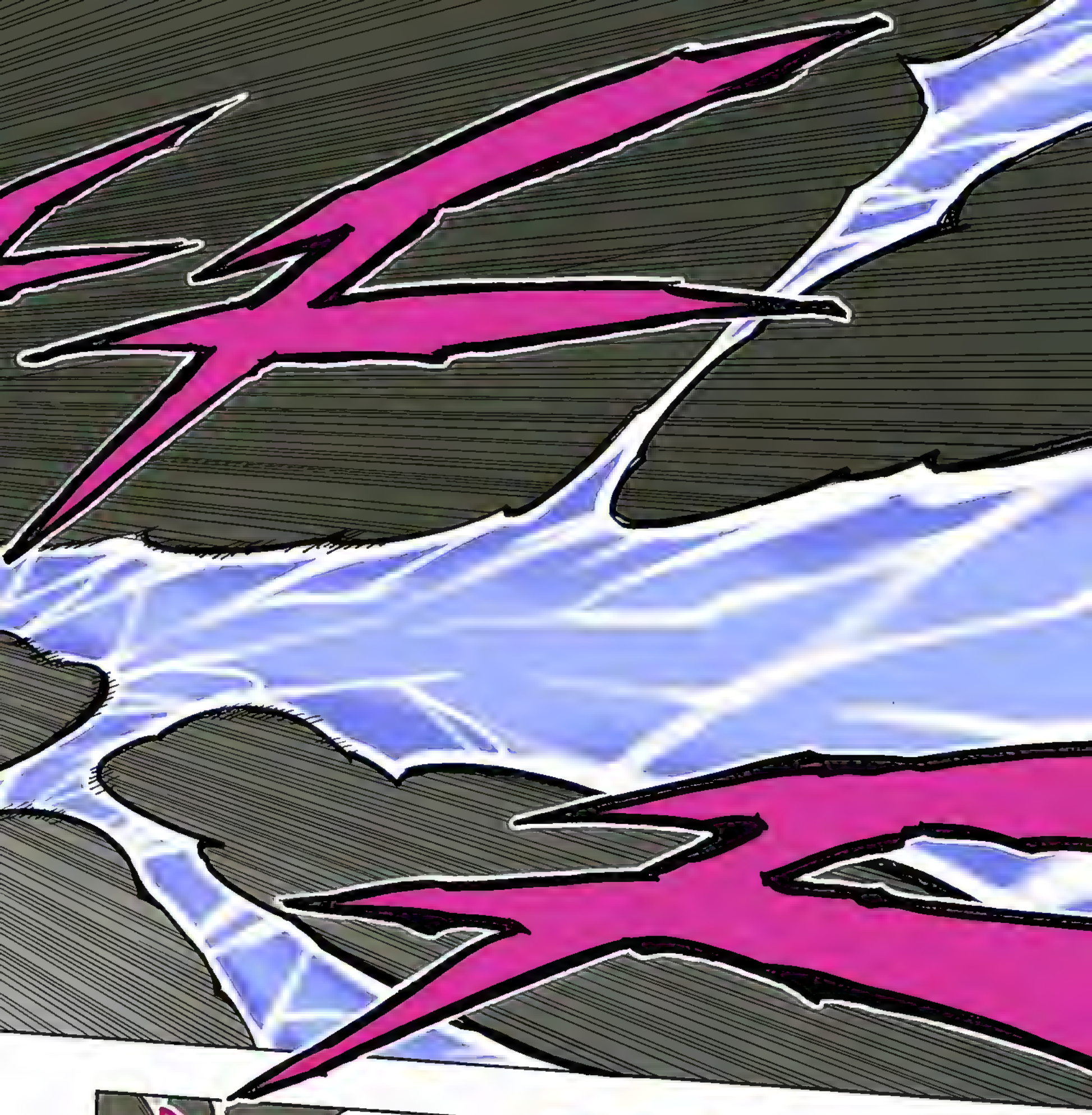

MY EYES ARE NOT THE SAME AS THEY WERE BEFORE!

WELL, I'LL ACCEPT THOSE WORDS, FOR NOW AT LEAST.
HEH.. BULLISH WORDS AND ATTITUDE AS ALWAYS.
MY SHARINGAN CAN SEE THROUGH GENJUTSU!
MY EYES ARE NOT THE SAME AS THEY WERE BEFORE!
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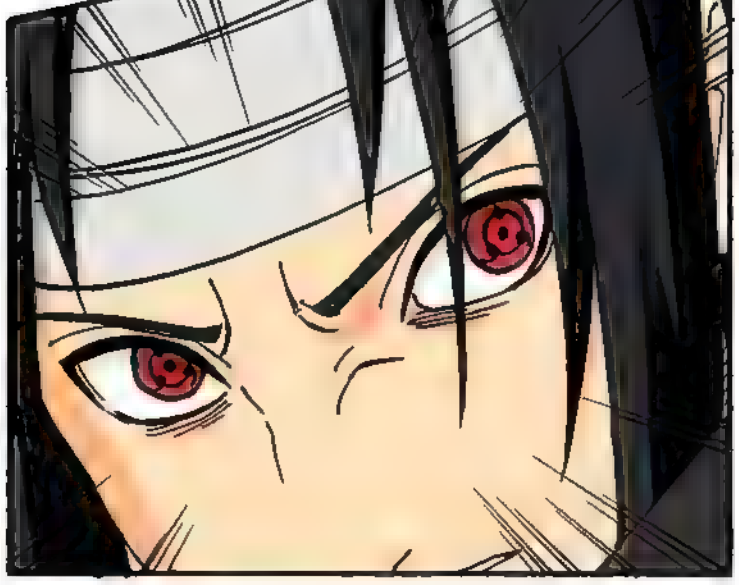

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..BUT SASUKE ...

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..IT SEEMS YOU STILL DO NOT HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I DO.

HEH..

AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I, YOU WILL FIND ME AGAIN

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WHAT IMPRESS-SIVE CONFI-DENCE..

OR AM I TOO STRONG NOW FOR YOU TO MEASURE YOUR CAPACITY AGAINST MINE?

THEN HURRY UP AND USE THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN TO TRY TO KILL ME!

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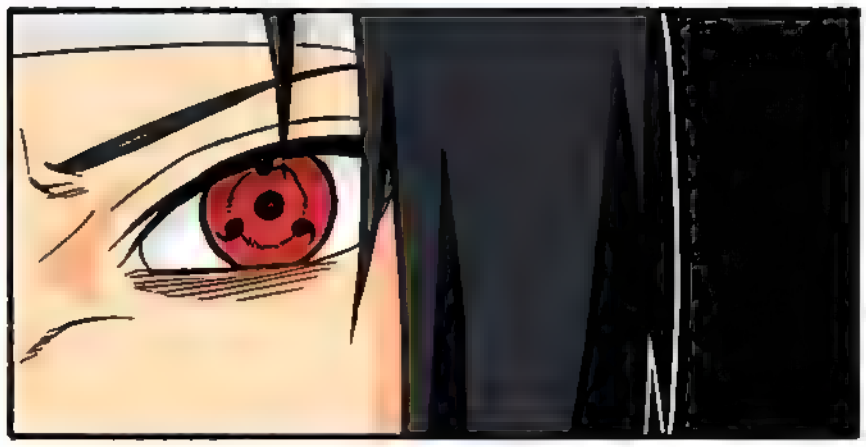
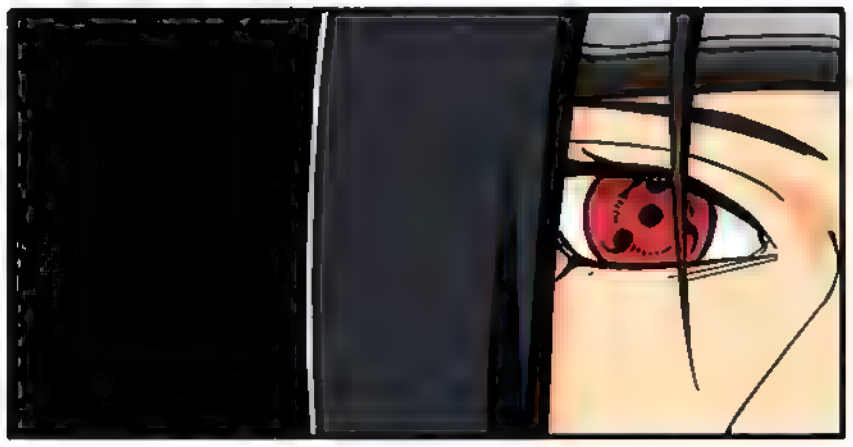
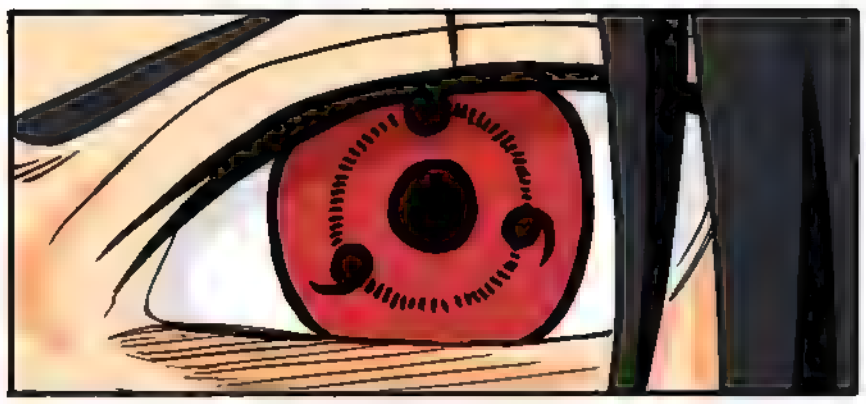
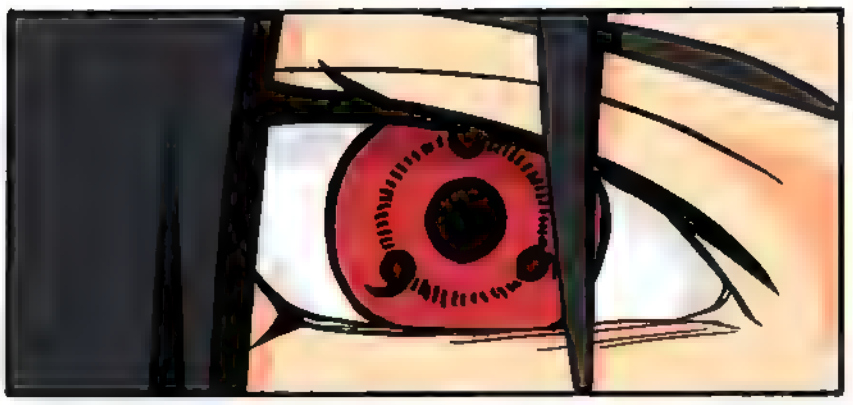
THEY'RE EXCHANGING GENJUTSU.

THE TWO OF THEM HAVEN'T BUDGED AT ALL FOR THE LONGEST TIME.









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..ARE VERY SPECIAL EYES..

THE MANGEKYO SHARIN-GAN...

AND THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED.

FROM THE MOMENT THEY AWAKEN. THEY CONTINUOUSLY PROGRESS TOWARD DARKNESS.

THE MANGEKYO EVENTUALLY LOSE THEIR LIGHT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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BLIND-
NESS...

THAT'S
THE
PRICE OF
OBTAINING
THE
POWER TO
CONTROL
NINE TAIL,
EH.

HEH...

GOOD, IT
SEEMS YOU
FOLLOWED MY
INSTRUCTIONS
AND READ THE
LITHOGRAPHS
IN THE SECRET
UCHIHA MEET-
ING PLACE.

MADARA...

..EXACTLY
WHO AND
WHAT
IS HE?

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AN IMMORTAL MAN WHO IS BOTH MY COMRADE AND MY MENTOR.

THE FIRST MAN TO TAME NINE TAILS WITH HIS EYES.

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AND THE EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO UNCOVERED THE ONE OTHER SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

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THAT IS UCHIHA MADARA.

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..AND ONE OTHER SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN?

UCHIHA MADARA...

WHAT OTHER POWER DO THEY HAVE ASIDE FROM TAMING NINE TAILS?

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..IS ACTUALLY THE MOST CRUCIAL ONE.

THAT'S RIGHT.. THIS ONE OTHER SECRET..

THE MOST CRUCIAL ...?

SO WHAT IS IT?

WELL?

ANSWER ME..!

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LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING WITH SOME OLD TALES.

PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UCHIHA.

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MADARA ONCE HAD A SIBLING AS WELL.

..A YOUNGER BROTHER, IN FACT.

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FROM WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN, THE TWO CONSTANTLY TESTED AND HONED THEIR SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER.

..AND MADE NAMES FOR THEM-SELVES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR CLAN.

EVENTUALLY, THEY BOTH AWAKENED THEIR SHARIN-GAN...

.....

THUS, THE TWO...

THE TWO CONTIN-UED TO PUSH EACH OTHER EVER SEEKING TO ADVANCE THEIR OCULAR POWERS...

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...CAME TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

..AND OLDER BROTHER MADARA WAS NAMED LEADER.

AND THE BROTHERS USED THEIR OCULAR POWERS TO UNITE THE CLAN...

IT HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN SEEN AMONG THE UCHIHA.

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THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED WITH THE END RESULT BEING TOTAL DARKNESS.

LIKE I TOLD YOU JUST NOW, THESE EYES ARE VERY SPECIAL.

HOWEVER.. MADARA SUDDENLY STARTED SUFFERING ODD SYMPTOMS.

IN ORDER TO RECLAIM THE LIGHT, MADARA TRIED ALL THE METHODS HE COULD FIND, BUT NOTHING WAS EFFECTIVE.

IN EXCHANGE FOR OBTAINING INCREDIBLE OCULAR POWERS.. THAT POWER SHUTS ITSELF DOWN, CUTTING OFF THE LIGHT FOREVER.

THAT IS THE FATE OF THE MANGE-KYO SHARIN-GAN.

FORGIVE ME...

AND HAUNTED BY THE MANGEKYO, MADARA, SEEKING LIGHT.

HE DESPAIRED.

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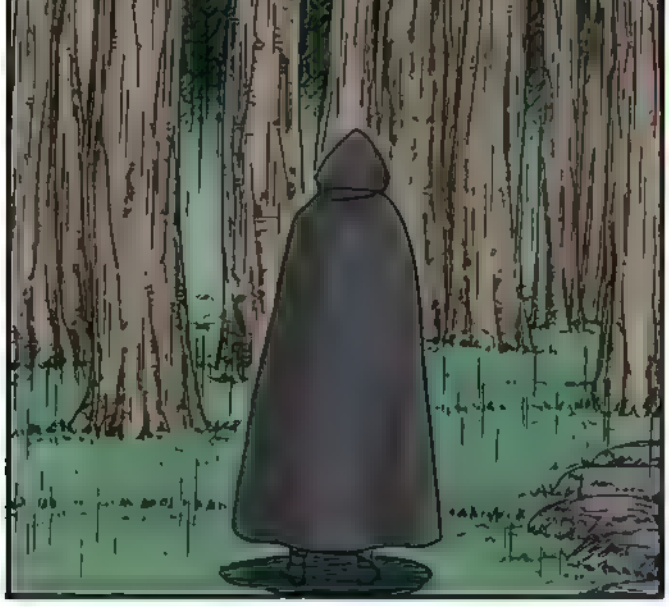

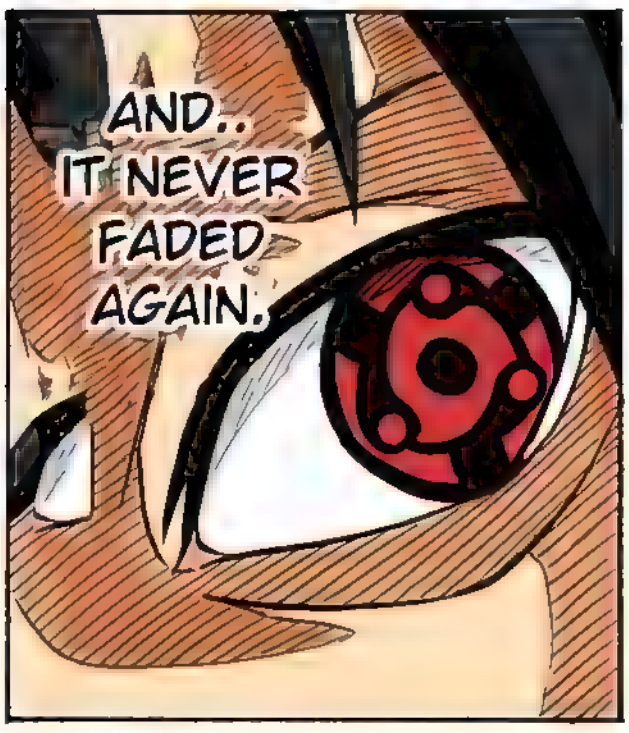

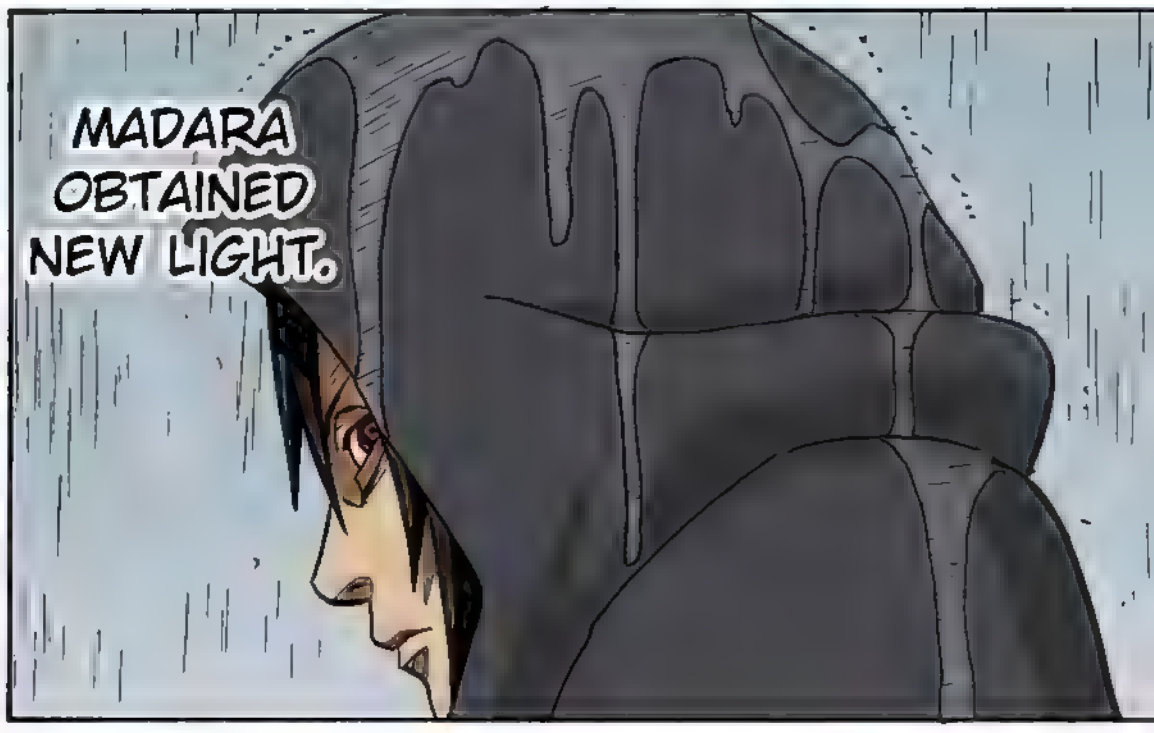

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BY GAINING A NEW HOST, THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S EYES OBTAINED ETERNAL LIGHT...

ETERNAL MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!

THESE TRUTHS WERE ONLY GRADUALLY DISCOVERED OVER TIME, AFTER MANY MANY SACRIFICES..

AND NOT EVERY-ONE OBTAINED NEW POWERS FROM THIS METHOD EITHER.

HOWEVER, THIS GIVE AND TAKE COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN AND BETWEEN CLAN MEMBERS.

DISTINCTLY NEW OCULAR JUTSU WERE BORN FROM THOSE EYES.

FURTHER-MORE ANOTHER CHANGE EMERGED.

THAT IS THE OTHER SECRET OF THESE EYES.

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AND HE ULTIMATELY ALLIED WITH THE SENJU CLAN OF THE FOREST TOUTED AS THE MOST POWERFUL, AND ESTAB-LISHED A NEW ORGANI-ZATION.

MADARA USED HIS POWER TO UNITE ONE SHINOBI CLAN AFTER ANOTHER.

THAT WHICH WOULD ONE DAY BE KNOWN AS KONOHA-GAKURE.

HE MAY HAVE LOST THAT FIGHT FOR LEAD-ERSHIP, BUT ,MADARA LIVES ON, ALONG WITH JIS OCULAR POWER...

LATER, MADARA CONFRONTED THE LEADER OF THE SENJU CLAN, THE FUTURE FIRST HOKAGE OVER THE COURSE THE VILLAGE WOULD TAKE...

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SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.. WHEN NINE TAILS ASSAULTED KONOHA, THAT WAS MADARA'S DOING OF COURSE.

BUT THAT TOO. THE FOURTH HOKAGE STOPPED, IN SHORT..

HE HAS BEEN HIDING HIMSELF AMONG THE SHADOWS AND CREATING A NEW ORGANIZA-TION, THE AKATSUKI.

MADARA IS A BITTER, DEFEATED DOG...

..HE IS NOT WORTHY OR CAPABLE OF GRASPING UCHIHA'S TRUE GREATNESS.

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..I AM THE ONE...

..WHO SHALL SURPASS MADARA AND BECOME THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI!

AND NOW...

..I CAN FINALLY OBTAIN POWER THAT EXCEEDS MADARA'S!

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SASUKE!!

YOU ARE MY NEW LIGHT!

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YOU HAVE MY SPARE EYES!!

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..AND KILLING A BLOOD RELATIVE TO OBTAIN ETERNAL OCULAR POWERS...

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IT TOOK KILLING A FRIEND FOR THE UCHIHA CLAN TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN...

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ZWOO

AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN INTO OUR CLAN...

..YOU TOO WERE ENTWINED IN ITS-BLOOD-SOAKED DESTINY!!

WE ARE OF A DEFILED BLOODLINE THAT HAS FLAUNTED ITS STRENGTH IN SUCH A MANNER THROUGH-OUT THE AGES!!

ZWOO

NOW COME...

..MY LITTLE BROTHER!!

I SHALL KILL YOU TO OBTAIN TRUE TRANS-FORMATION AND FINALLY BE FREED FROM OUR CLAN'S FATE!

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I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE LIKE A WALL YOU NEED TO CLIMB OVER.

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

BREAAK LOOSE OF ALL RESTRICTIONS AND FREE MYSELF FROM MY OWN CAPACITY!

...SO I'LL LET YOU LIVE.. FOR MY SAKE.

YOU'VE ALWAYS HOPED TO SURPASS ME...

WE ARE EACH OTHER'S SPARES!!

THIS IS THE TRUE BOND BETWEEN THE BROTHERS OF THE UCHIHA!!

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SO IT WAS ALL FOR THIS, EH...

IT SEEMS ...

...YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE MY INTERNAL SELF.

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..BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS DETERMI-NATION I PLAN TO RESTORE MY CLAN. AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN...

IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO TALK ABOUT "DREAMS" ..THAT'S JUST A WORDS...

MY NAME IS UCHIHA SASUKE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I HATE, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT MATTERS CONSIDERING THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING I DO LIKE.

...TO KILL.

..ARRIVED.

I'VE FINALLY ...

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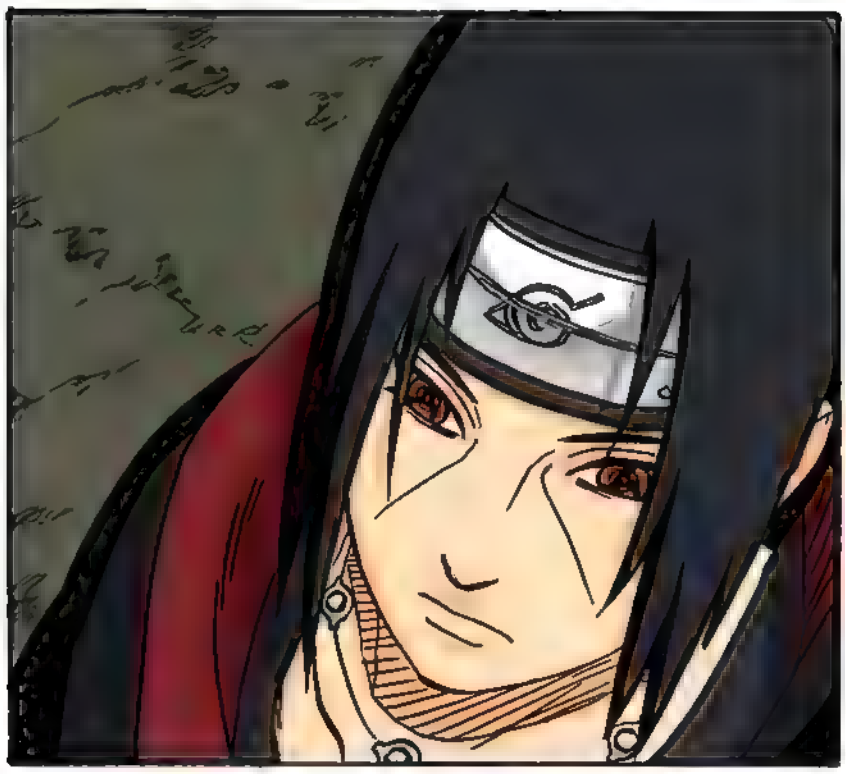

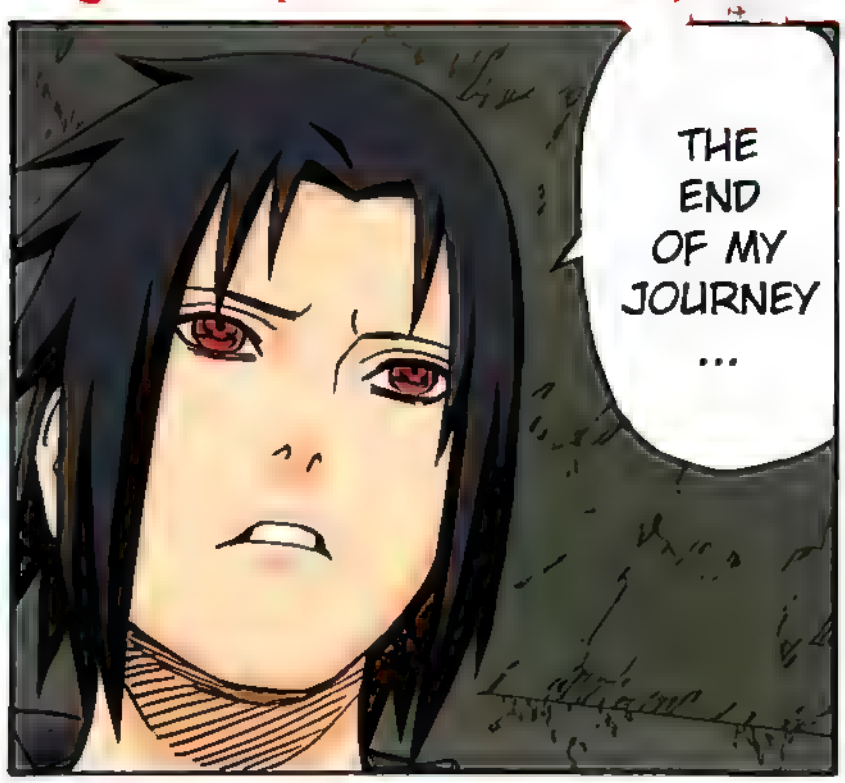

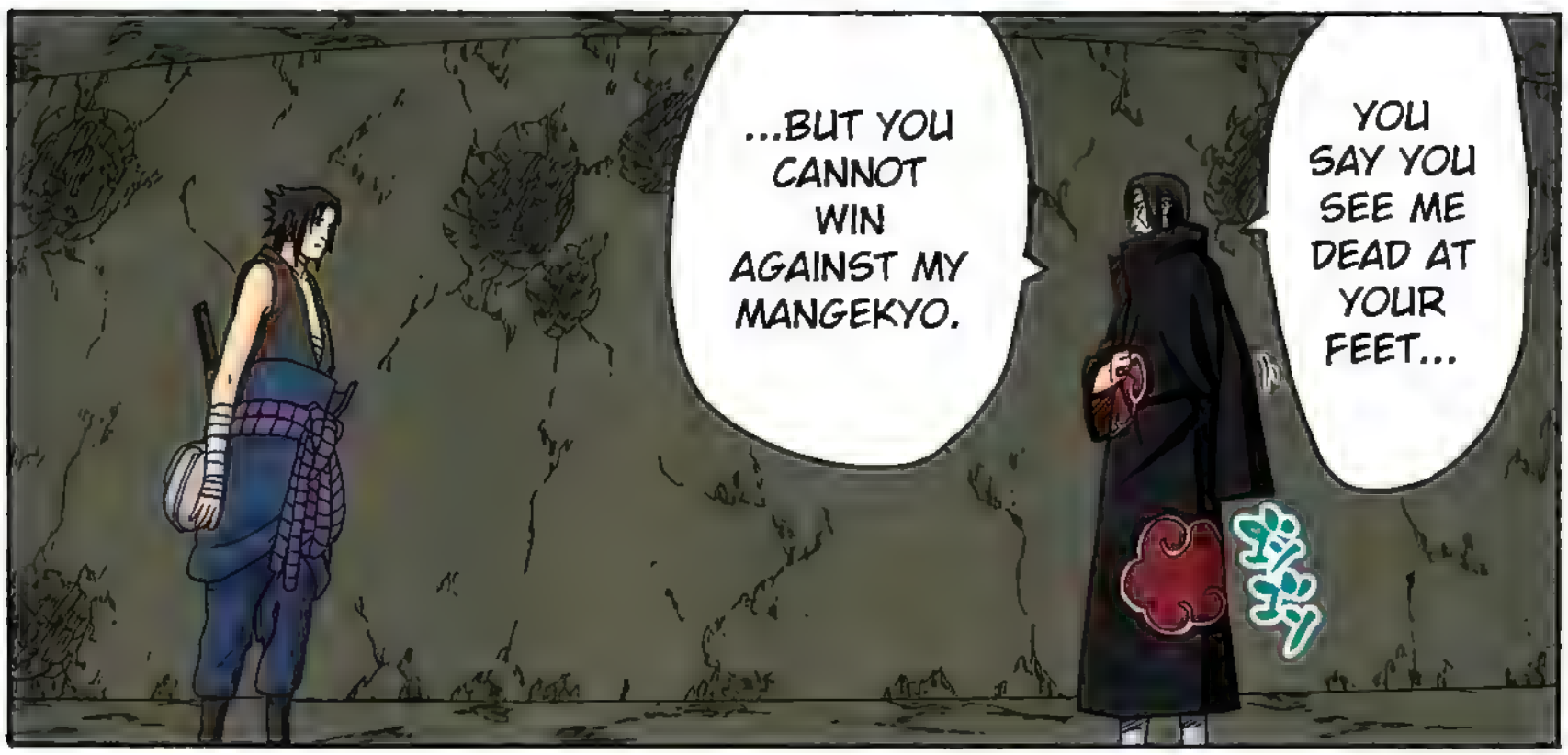

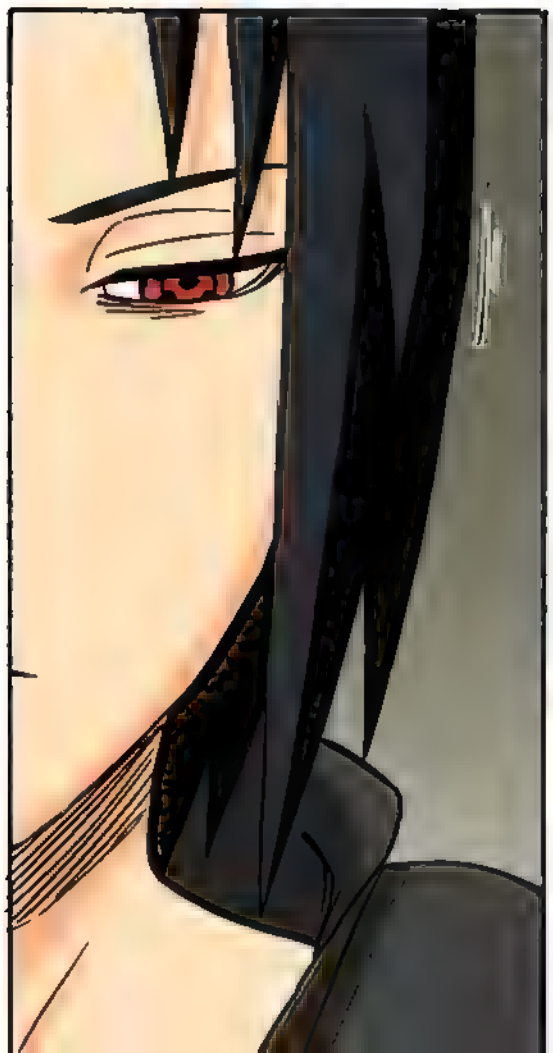

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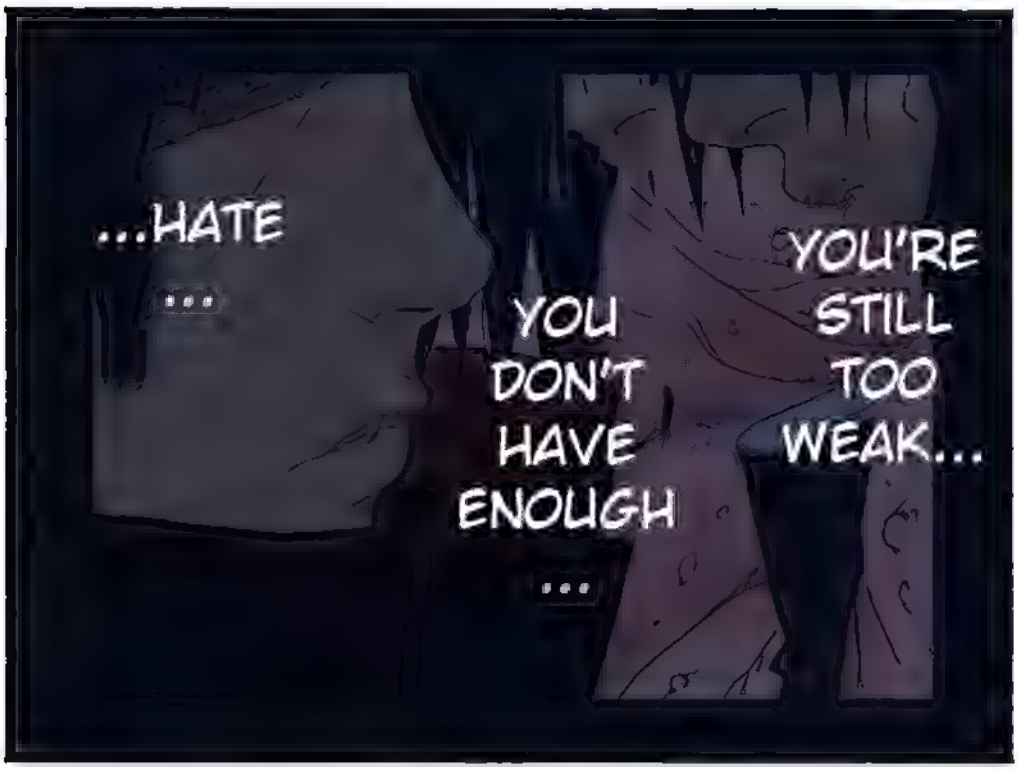

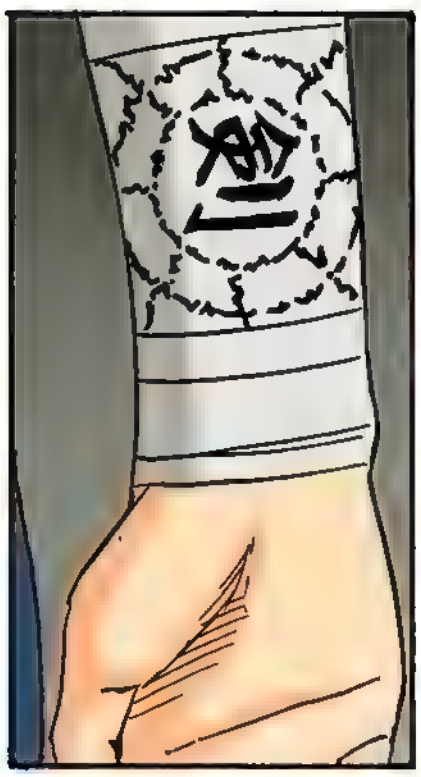

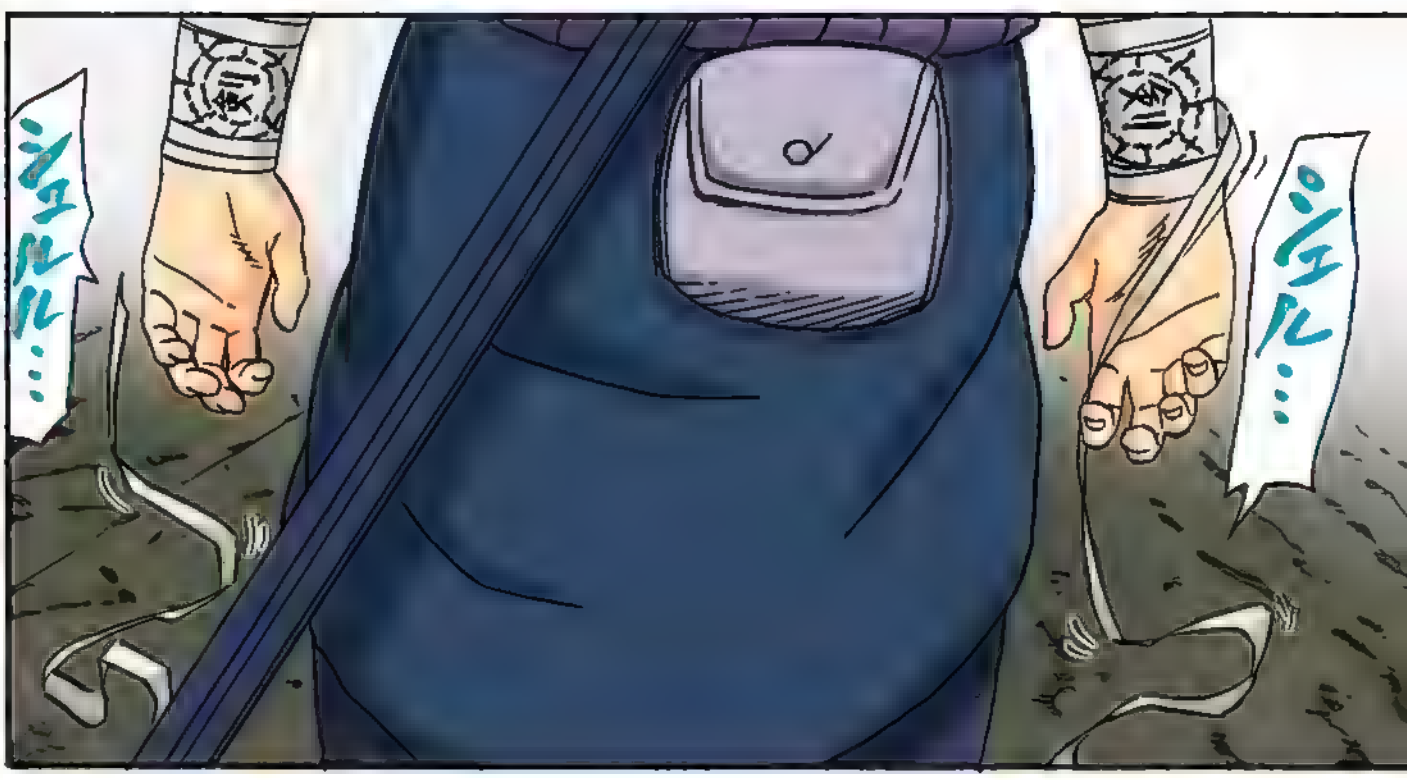

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..I'LL USE MY HATRED...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS..

..TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!

AND YOUR REALITY..

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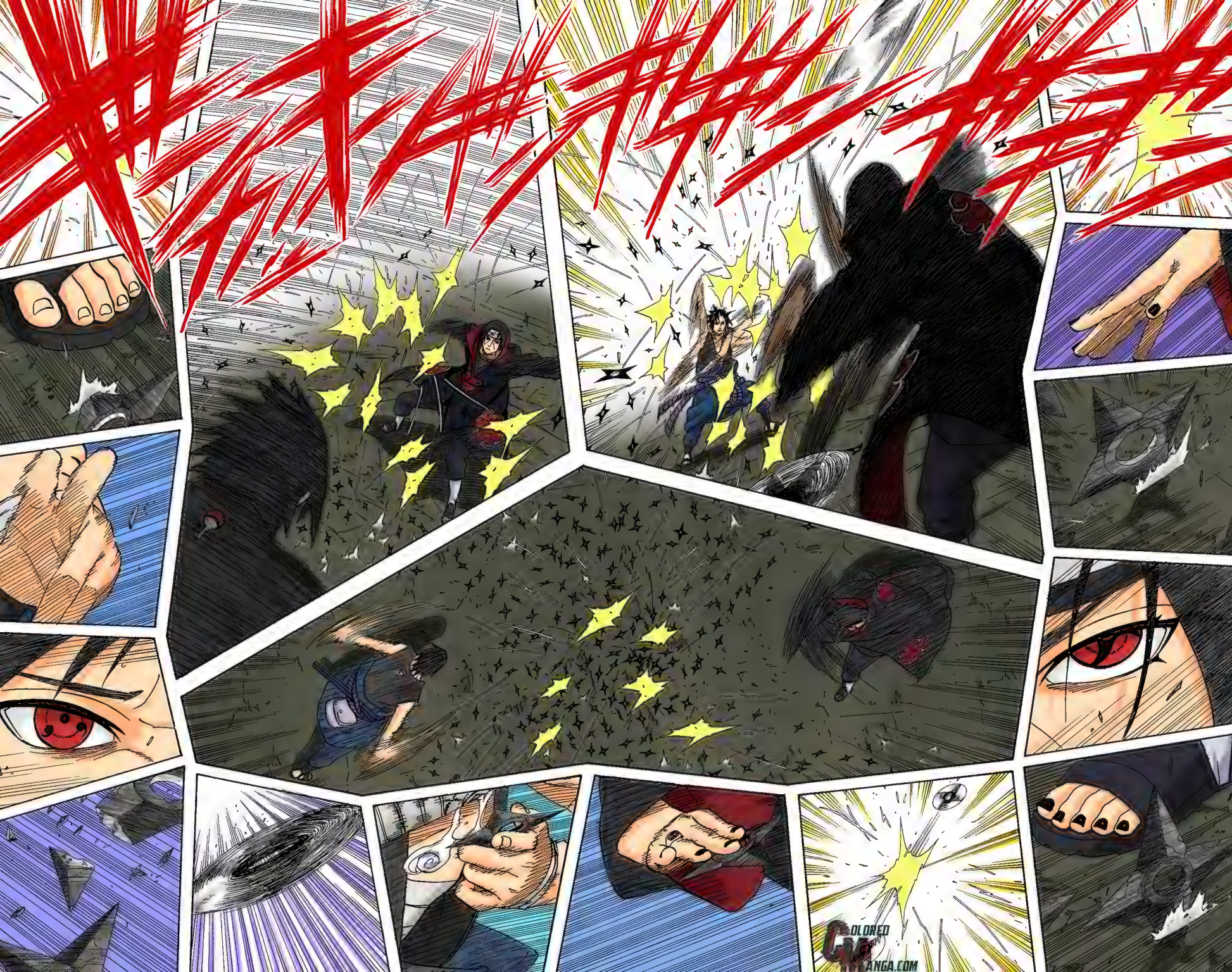
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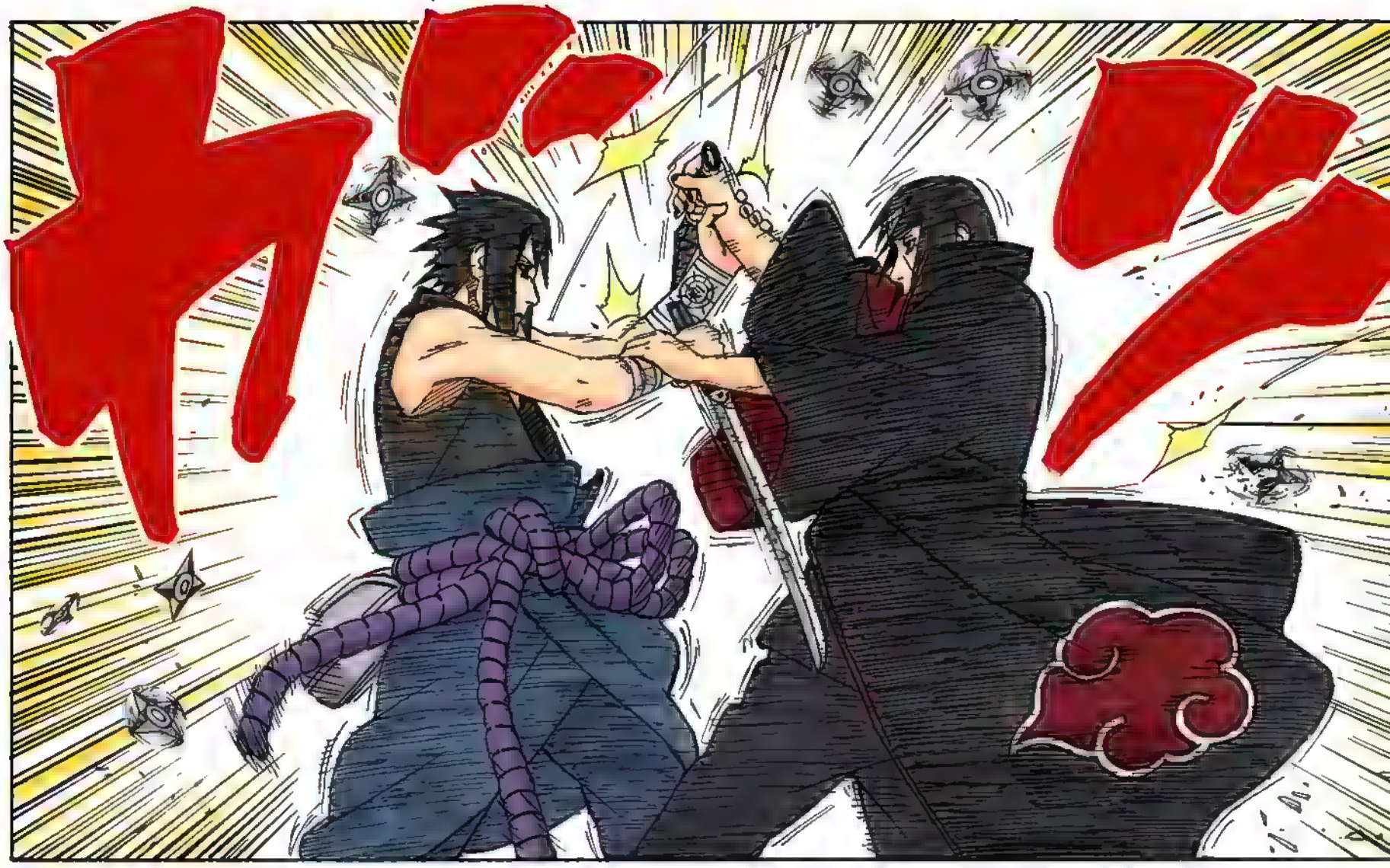

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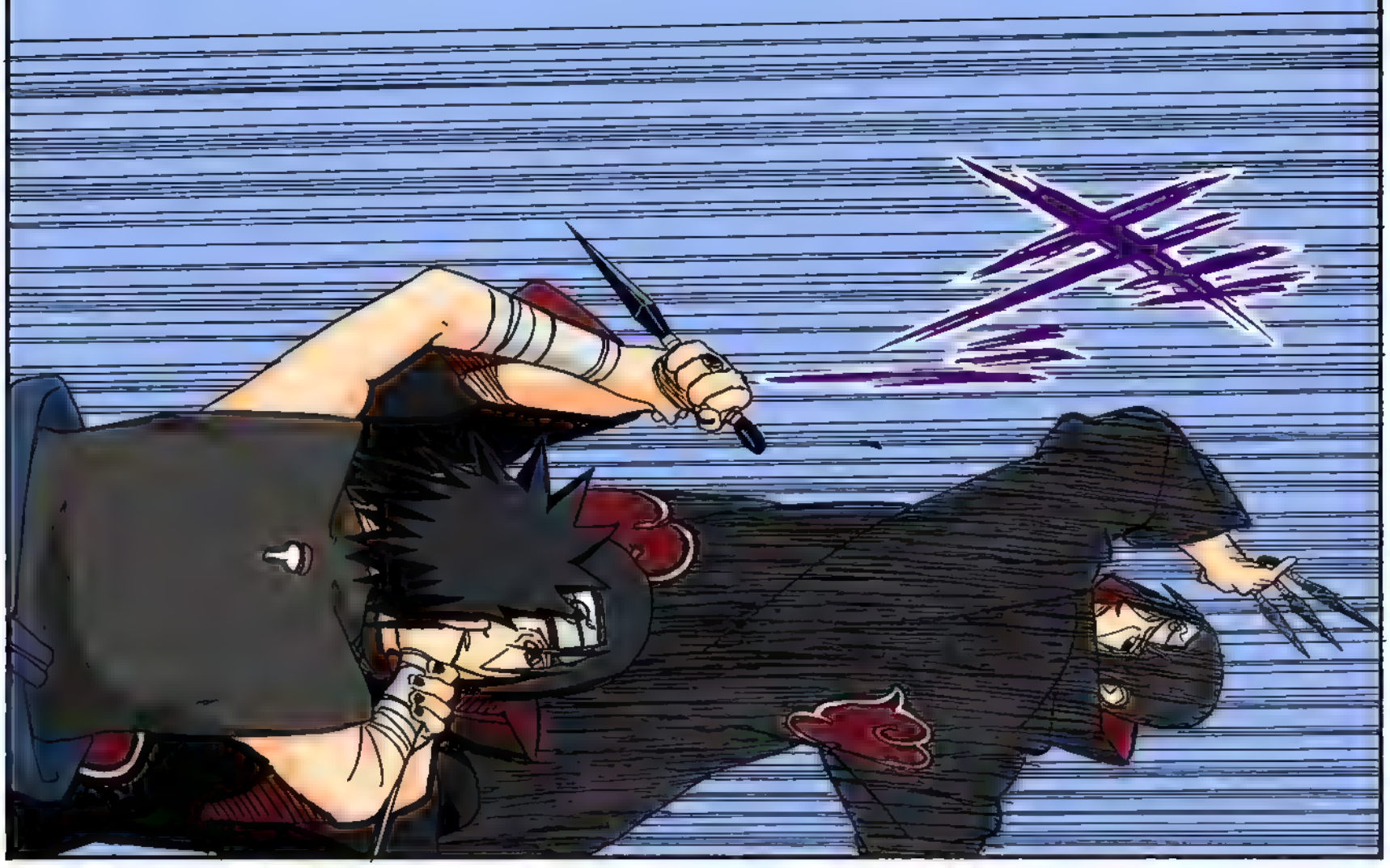

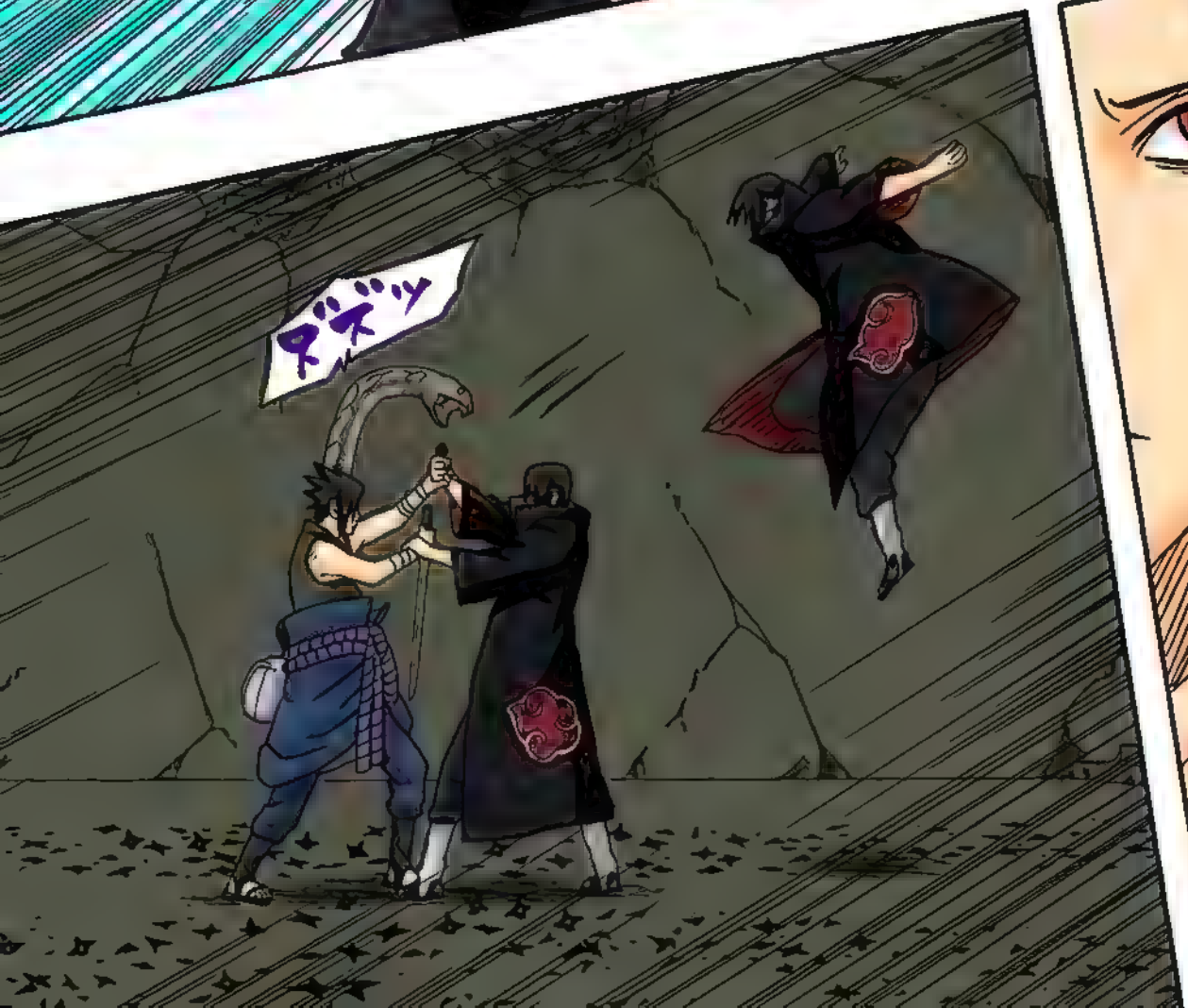

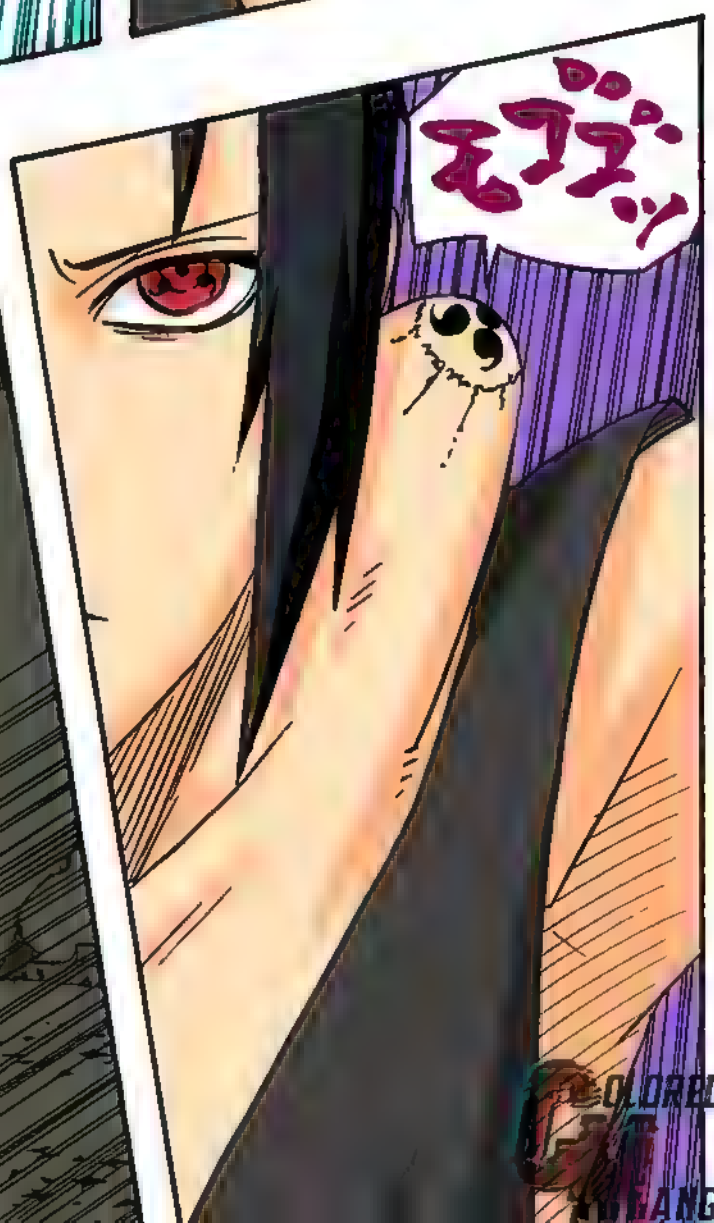

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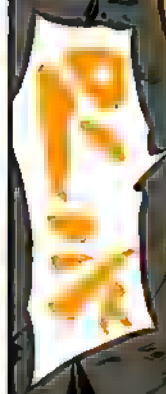

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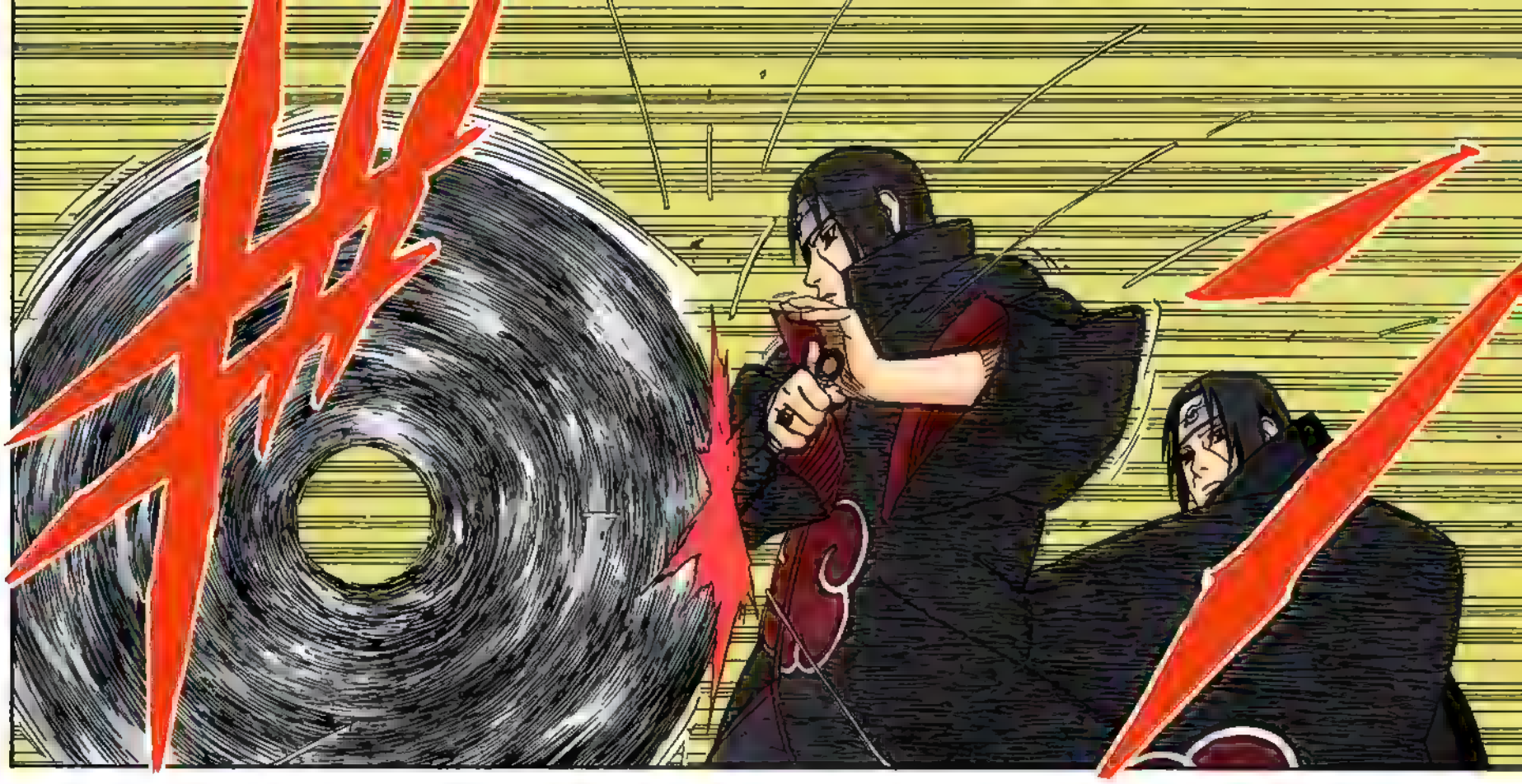

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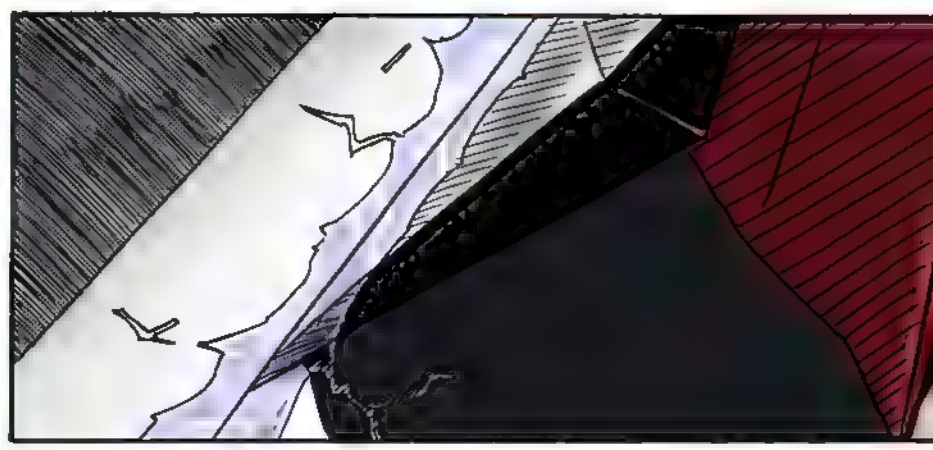

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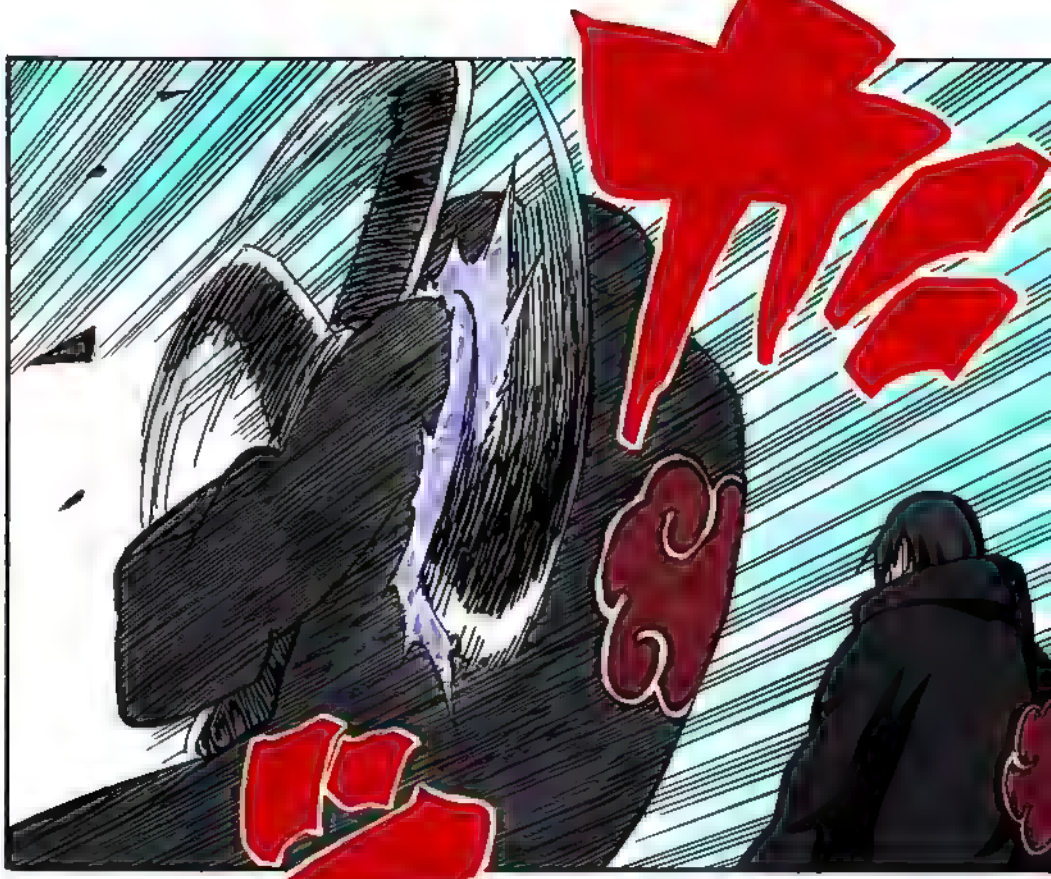

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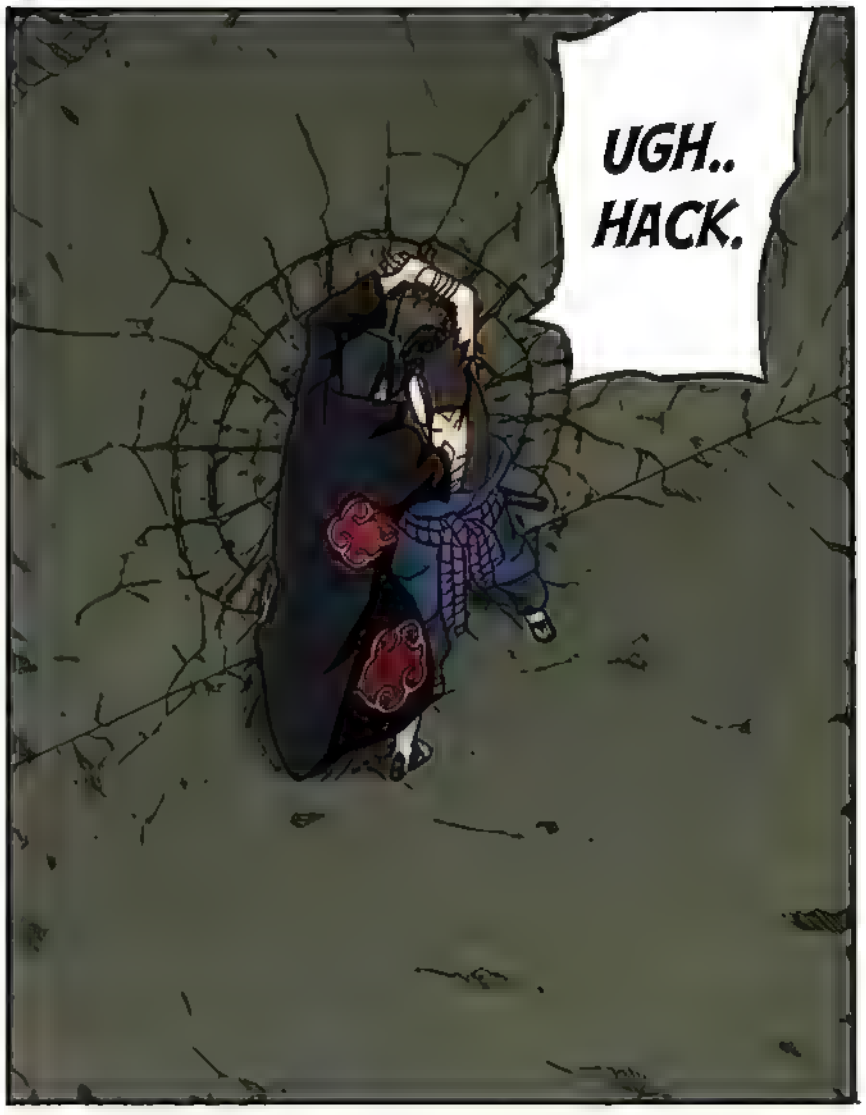
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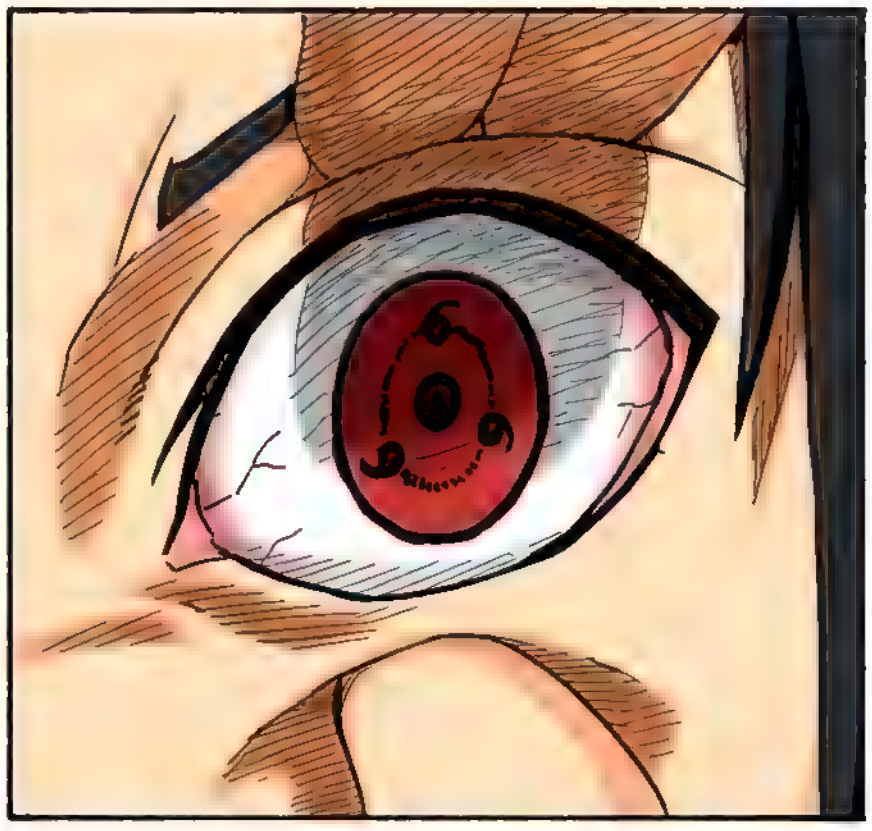

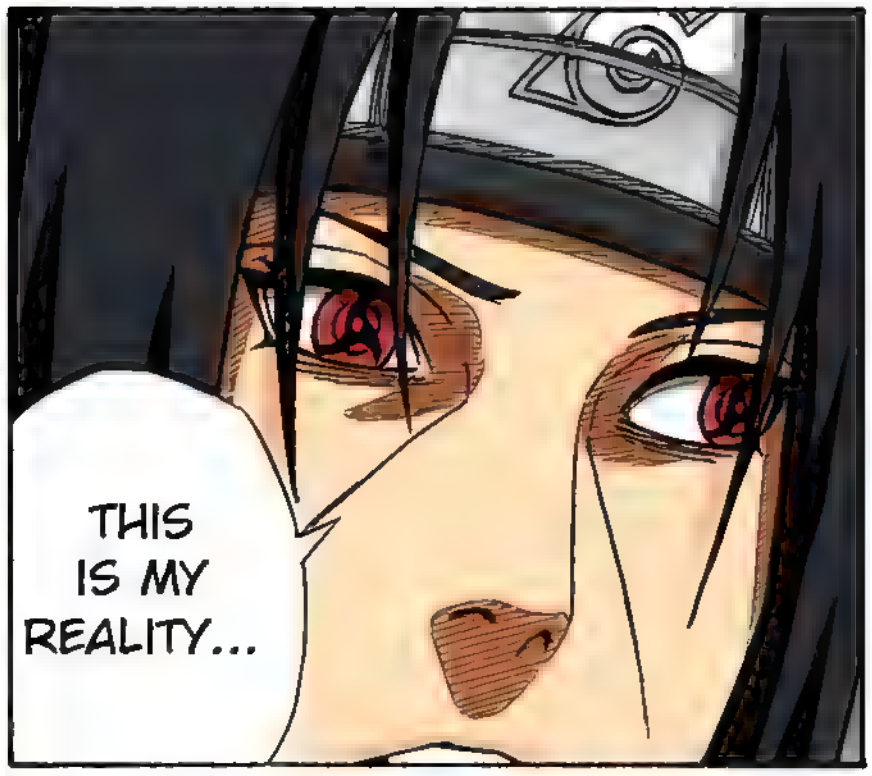

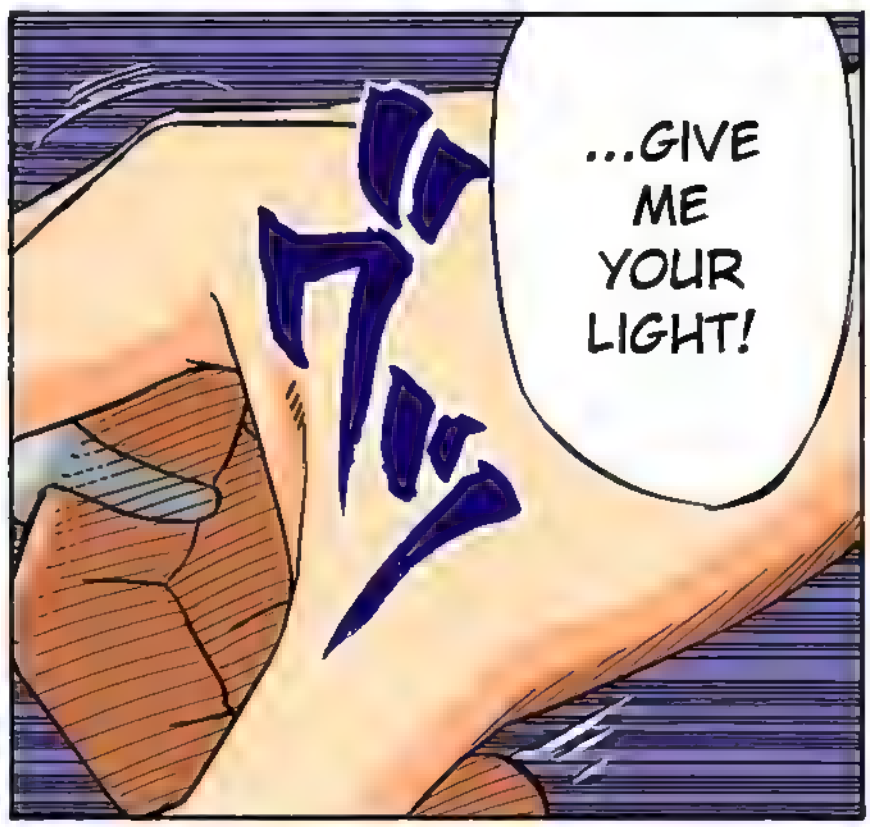

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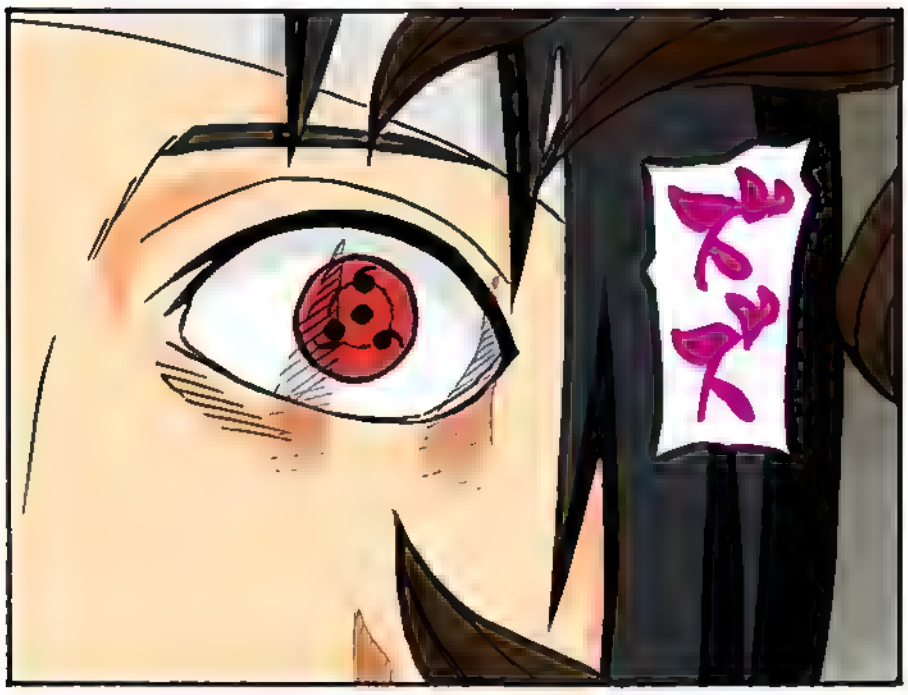

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I TOLD YOU.

YOU WON'T WIN. I HAVE THE MANGEKYO AND YOU DO NOT!

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THE DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND MINE.

THIS IS THE VARIANCE IN OUR STRENGTHS.

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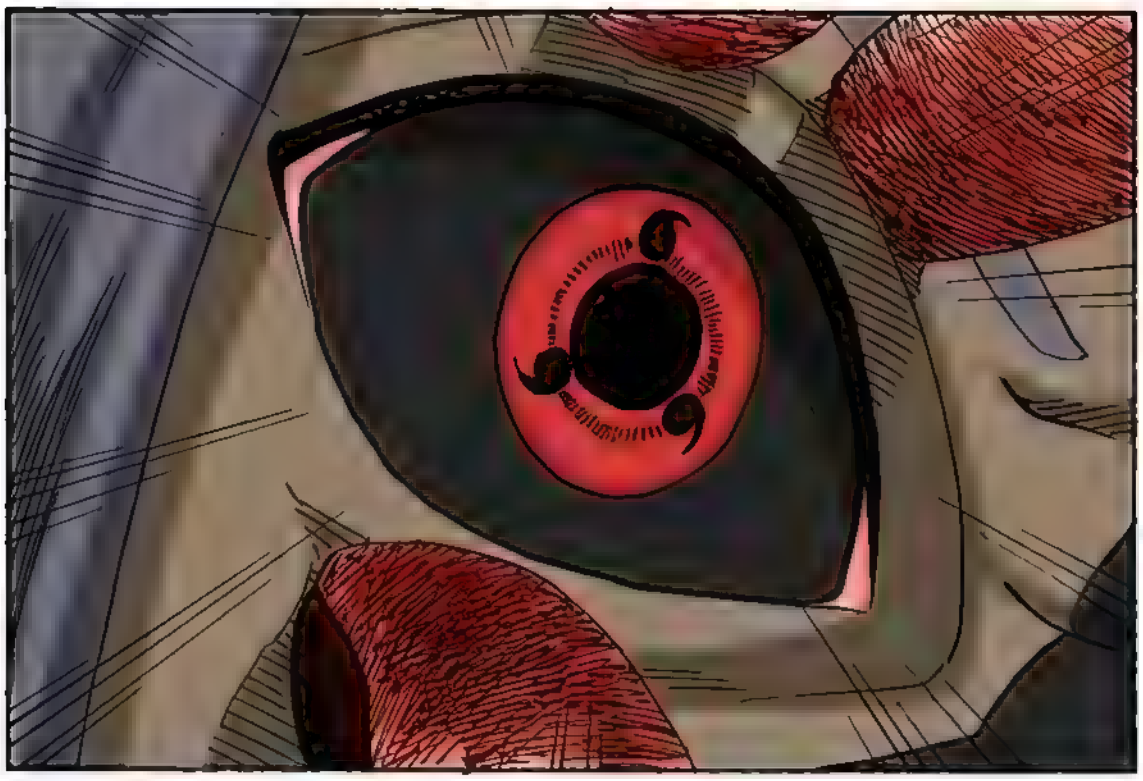

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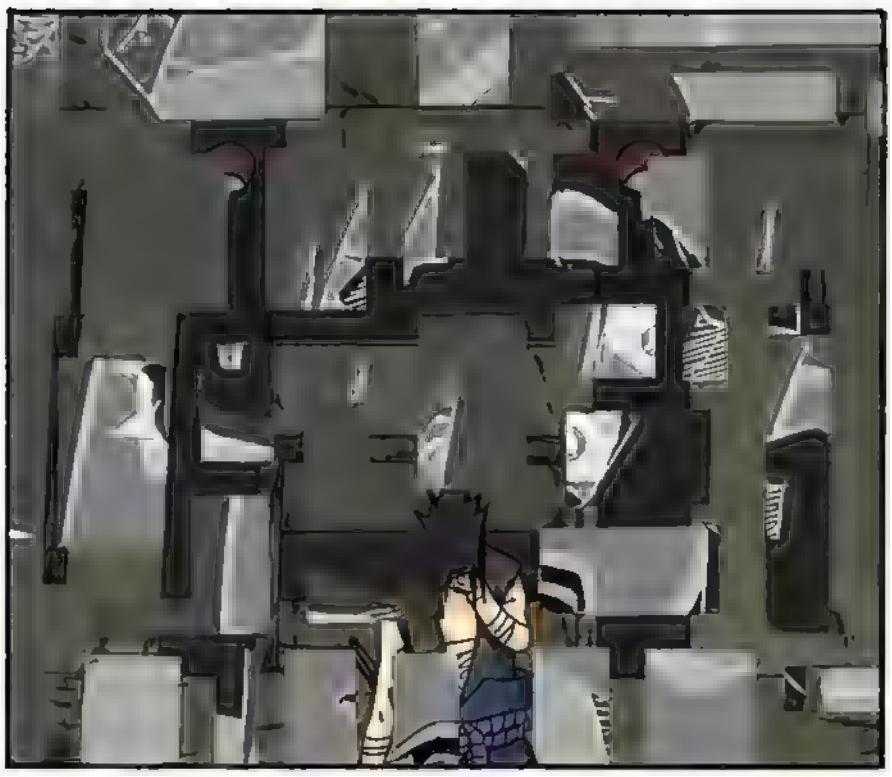

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HOW CAN YOU TELL?

THAT WAS FAST. ITACHI'S WON.

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SAUKE'S IN THE TSUKUNOMI.

HE'S PARALYZED. ITACHI CAN DO WHAT-EVER HE WANTS.

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YOU.. BROKE THROUGH MY TSUKOYOMI ..?!

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HOW COME SASUKE ISN'T DOWN FOR THE COUNT?

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...HE BROKE THROUGH IT..

'CUZ HE DIDN'T GET HIT WITH THE TSUKUYOMI...

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THE ORDINARY SHARINGAN IS STILL A WEAPON.

AND A WEAPON CAN BE EITHER STRONG OR WEAK DEPENDING ON THE ABILITY OF THE PERSON WIELDING IT.

SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS ORDINARY SHARINGAN ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE MANGEKYO!

WHAT ?!

SO THE POINT IS THEIR VARIANCE IN STRENGTH.. THAT SASUKE'S TALENT HAS EXCEEDED ITACHI'S IMAGINATION.

SOMEONE CARRYING SHURIKEN MIGHT STILL LOSE TO PEBLES THROWN BY AN ADEPT.

TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY.. EH.

HEH..

..I'LL USE MY HATRED TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS...

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THEN LET ME THROW THOSE WORDS.. RIGHT BACK AT YOU.

YOU SAW YOUR EYES...

..GOUGED OUT DURING THE TSUKOYOMI JUST NOW...

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WELL, ALLOW ME TO MAKE THAT A REALITY.

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..WE MIGHT GET TO SEE THE THE AMATERASU.

THE AIR AROUND ITACHI HAS SHIFTED.

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IT SEEMS HE'S FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.. WHICH MEANS..

THAT WOULD BE A REAL TREAT! I'M SO GLAD WE DECIDED TO COME HERE!!

WHAT? THE AMATE-RASU?!

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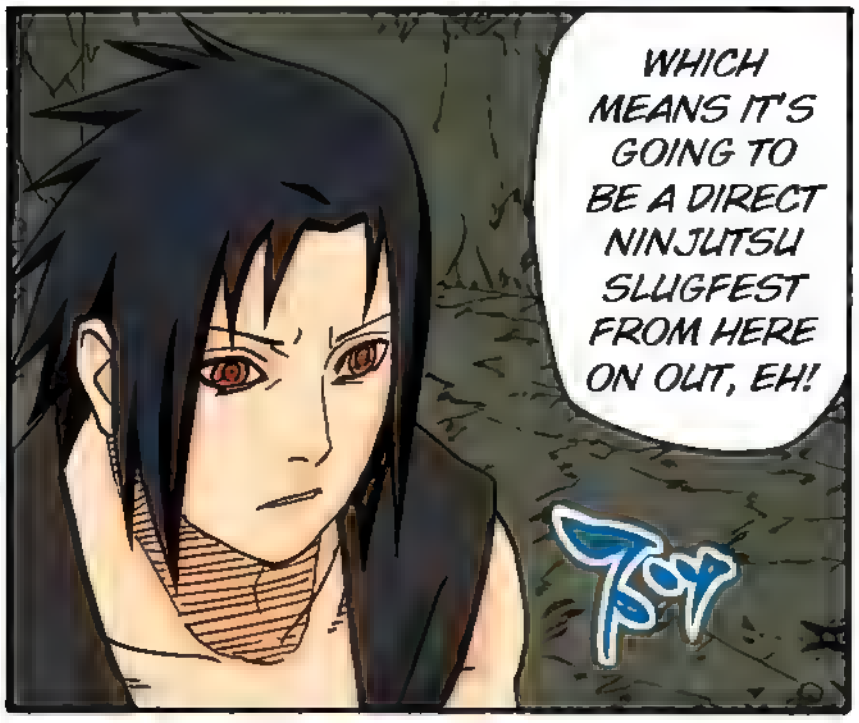

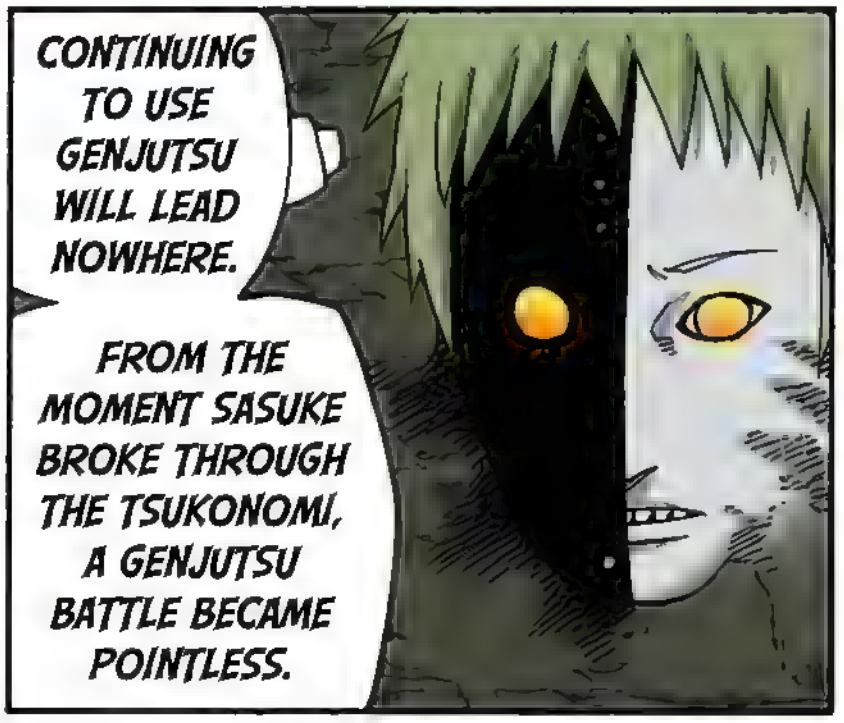
CONTINUING TO USE GENJUTSU WILL LEAD NOWHERE.
FROM THE MOMENT SASUKE BROKE THROUGH THE TSUKONOMI, A GENJUTSU BATTLE BECAME POINTLESS.

THE AMATERASU PRODUCES BLACK FLAMES THAT ARE SAID TO NEVER EXTINGUISH UNTIL THEY'VE BURNED TO ASH WHATEVER ITS CASTER'S EYE HAD SIGHTED..

...THE RIGHT EYES MANGEKYO POSSESS THE MOST POWERFUL PHYSICAL ATTACK...
IF THE LEFT EYES MANGEKYO POSSESS THE MOST POWERFUL GENJUTSU...

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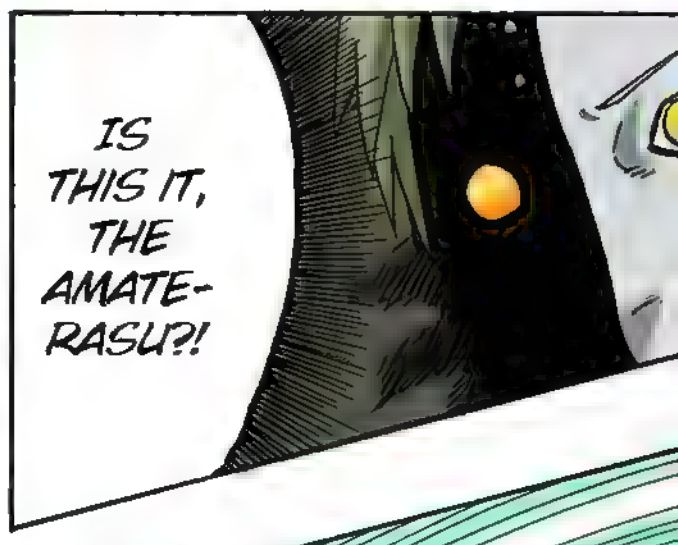

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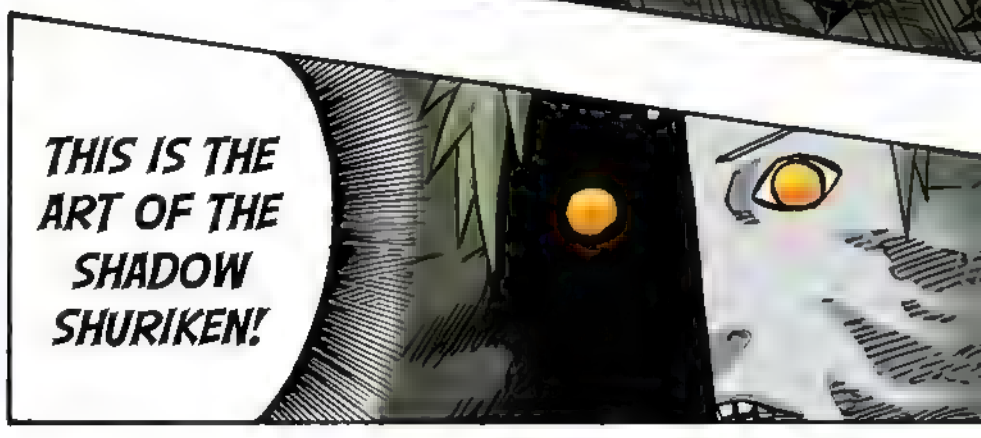

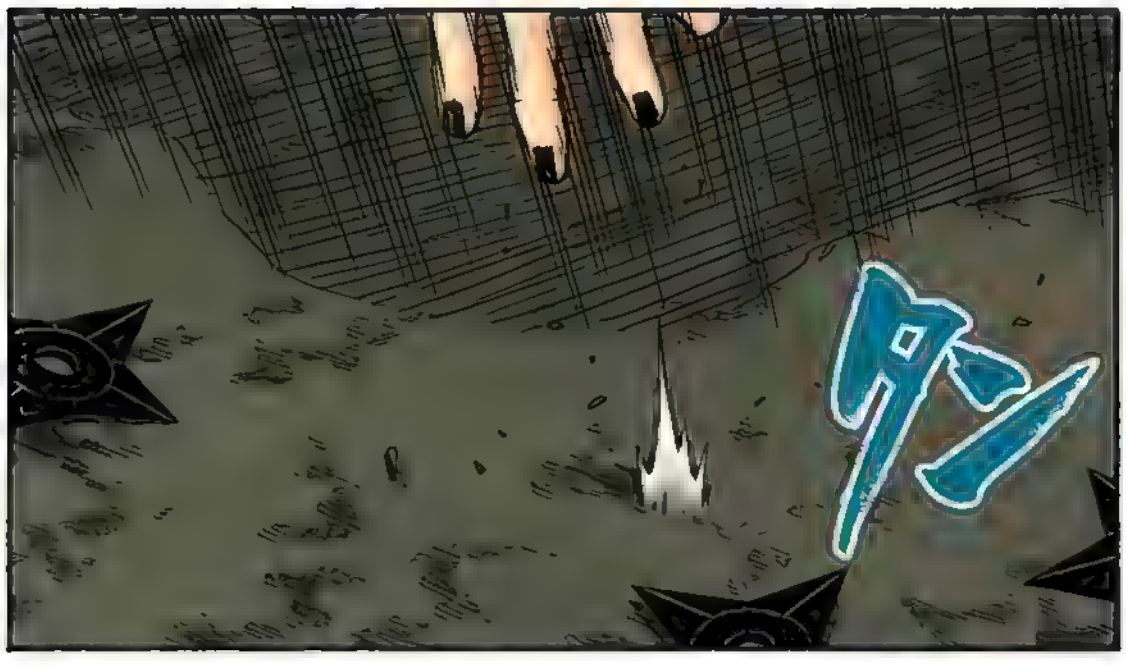

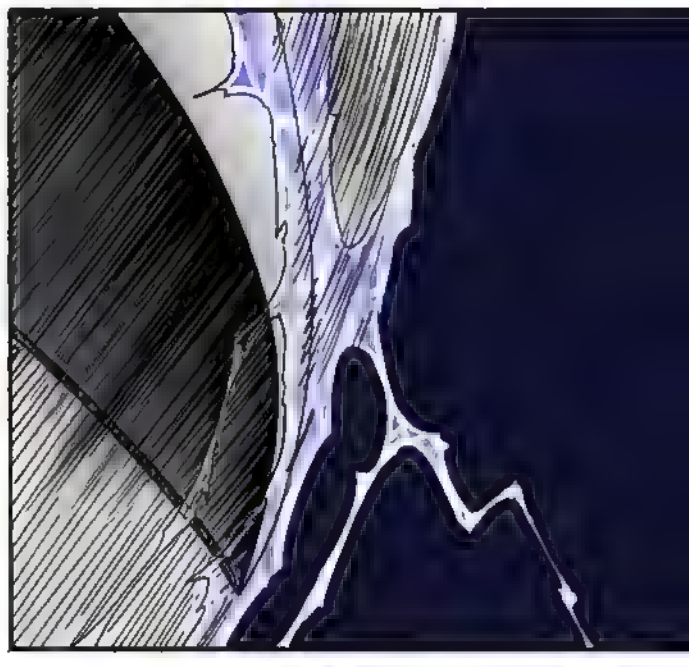

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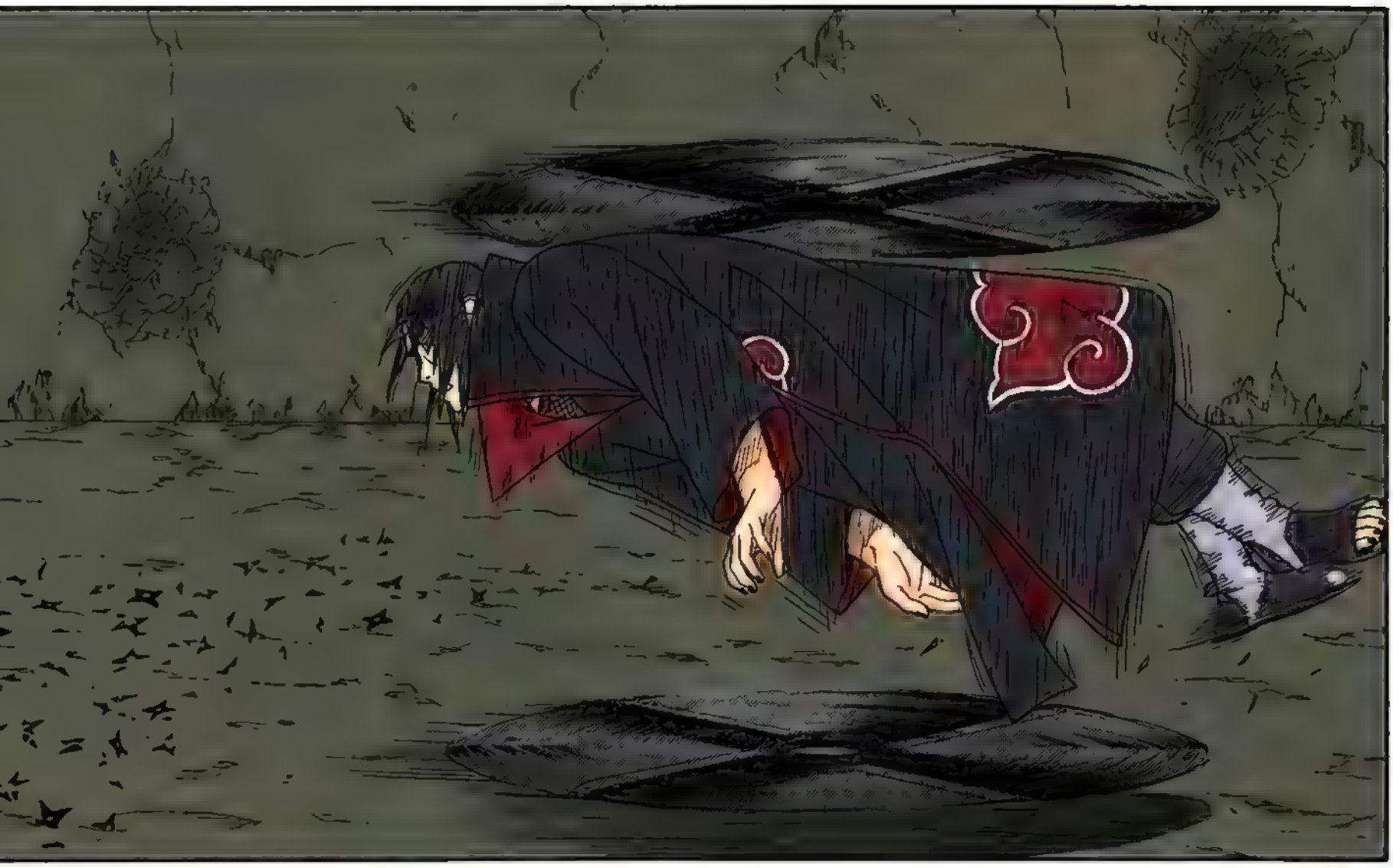

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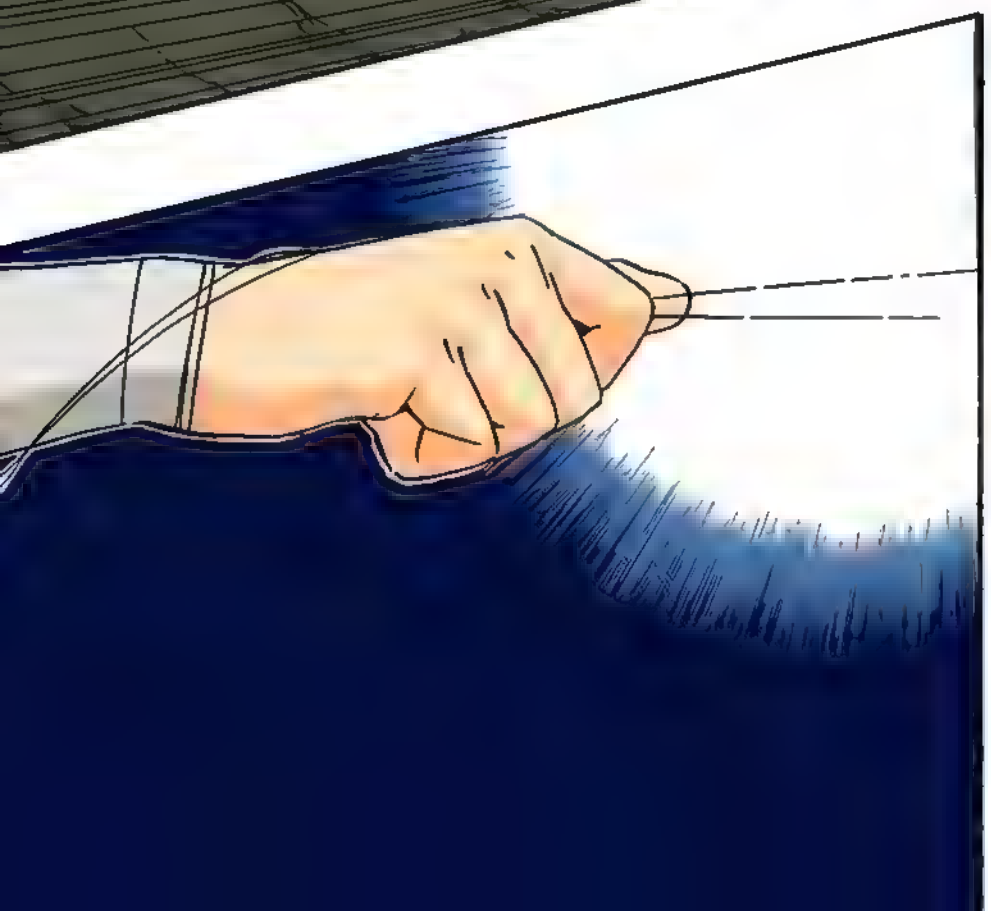

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RIGGED SHURIKEN ?!

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THOSE LAST SHURIKEN WORKED WELL...

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THAT'S FUNNY..

NAH. JUST. ITS NOT LIKE ITACHI TO NOT BE ABLE TO DODGE SUCH THINGS...

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SASUKE MIGHT ACTUALLY WIN THIS THING.

FROM THE MOMENT SASUKE NULLIFIED THE TSUKOYOMI, HE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE FLOW OF THIS BATTLE.

AND HE'S DULLED ITACHI'S MOVEMENTS EVEN FURTHER..

FEELING BACKLASH FROM THE TSUKOYOMI?

HEH.. IT'S A NICE FEELING, FOR ME.

FIRE STYLE !

NAH... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL.

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FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!

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PHEW..WE ALMOST GOT CAUGHT IN THAT!

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THESE WOUNDS ARE NOTHING …

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FIRE STYLE! FIRE-BALL JUTSU!!

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AMATE-
RASU...

SASUKE HAS THE UPPER HAND! I REALLY THINK SASUKE'S GOING TO...

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